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# 8 Golani soldiers injured in Hizbullah attack

**DAVID RUDGE** 

EIGHT Golani Brigade soldiers were wounded, two of them serionsly, in a Hizbullah ambush in the security zone yesterday.

The latest incident, following previous Hizbullah attacks close to the northern border in which five soldiers were killed and 14 wounded, heightened the prospect of a stern IDF response. Military sources quoted on Channel 1's news broadcast last night said the "safety catch" would be released.

The attack yesterday afternoon, on the Rehan-Aishiyeh road in the zone's northeastern sector, appears to have been a combined ambush and roadside bomb blast.

Reports from Lebanon said an explosive device was detonated alongside an IDF patrol and gunmen simultaneously opened fire with anti-tank weapons and machine guns.

According to Hizbullah's statement, the patrol consisted of several civilian cars and a military vehicle. Simultaneously, gunmen opened fire with Katyusha rockets and mortars at nearby IDF and South Lebanese Army positions.

The soldiers, including those who were not badly hurt, managed to get out of the vehicles and return fire. Reinforcements were sent to the scene and six wounded soldiers were evacuated by helicopters; two to Rebecca Sieff Hospital in Safed and four to Haifa's Rambam Hospital, where the condition of two was reported to be

rector of the hospital, said all suffered from shrapnel injuries to their limbs and some had internal injuries.

IDF and SLA gunners blasted suspected Hizbullah targets in the area and north of the zone in response to the attack. There were no immediate reports of casualties among the attackers, although Hizbullah has lost four of its gunmen in fighting in the region in the

past week. The IDF has recorded over 100 incidents since the beginning of the year, including long-range attacks on positions and the recent, more sophisticated attacks.

The incident yesterday coincided with a general strike in Lebanon organized by the Amai Shi'ite movement to mark the 18th anniversary of the Litani Operation. Demonstrations were held throughout the country calling for an end to Israel's occupation of the zone. (Story, page 4)

A Hizbullah support group, meanwhile, launched a campaign to raise money for the organization's fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance, under the slogan "Buy a bullet for the resistance and the defenders of our homes and people."

### Did you remember?

Clocks were moved ahead by one hour last night at midnight as Daylight Saving Time took

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# Clinton pledges \$100m. in anti-terror aid

DAVID MAKOVSKY

US PRESIDENT Bill Clinton punctuated his morale-boosting solidarity trip to Israel at a time of terror by promising more than \$100 million in anti-terrorism assistance and an upgrade in intelligence

Wherever he went yesterday, a visibly moved Clinton warmly held Israel's hand, and in symbol-laden appearances, demonstrated that the US stands at its side by urging it to keep pursuing a path of

peace and security.

Clinton returned to the US last night, but Secretary of State Warren Christopher and CIA Director tor John Deutsch stayed behind to flesh out components of the anti-terrorism and bolstered security package. Working-level meetings were held last night and more consultations are scheduled for today.

In an unprecedented appearance before the cabinet, Clinton unveiled his plans for bolstering aid to combat terrorism. After hearing a security overview from Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, Clinton said he surmised that Shahak thinks Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat is not doing enough.

According to a participant, Shahak responded, "He is doing things, but it is not enough."

Standing alongside Prime Minister Shimon Peres at a press conference afterward, Clinton declared the US would continue to fight terrorism. "Whatever effort it takes, whatever time it takes. we must say to them: You will be tracked down. You will be rooted out," he said.

He said the assistance program would include a comprehensive package of training and technical aid, advanced bomb-detection scanners and sniffers, a variety of X-ray systems, robots for handling suspect packages, and advanced thermal and radar sensors. Clinton said he already sent Congress a message asking for the assistance, half of which would come from this year's Pentagon budget and the other half

This assistance comes on top of \$22 million in advanced bomb detection equipment provided earlier this month.

Clinton also said a decision had not yet been made on an overall framework for bolstered security cooperation. There is speculation this will be a prime topic in dis-cussions Christopher and Deutsch will be holding.

Clinton said any anti-terrorism assistance could not eliminate the prospects of terrorism in an open society, but it is very sensible to



President Bill Clinton waves to youngsters at the Tel Aviv Center for the Performing Arts yesterday. To his right is youth representative Liat Moodric and Prime

Minister Shimon Peres.

seek to minimize those risks to On Cilineas Clinton stated, "If the extent possible.

nothing like that will ever happen will always choose your contin-again? No," Clinton said. "What ued existence. Security will take the risks, to reduce the likelihood of this to prevent more of these things from happening, to catch more of the wrongdoers."

While there is a growing consensus that the closure should not block food from reaching Palestinians in the territories, Clinton said that he strongly backs Israel's opposition to lifting the closure at this time.

He said Hamas is responsible for the closure, and asserted that it is the terrorists goal to bring about a closure, hoping misery will turn people against peace. "It's a deliberate attempt by them to make the Palestinians as miserable as possible," he said. Saying Israel's first duty is to its

you have to choose anything over "Is it absolutely certain that your continued existence, you ued existence. Security will take preference. So these people are not stupid. They're doing this to provoke the reaction that they got. And we have to stand against

them together." Clinton said that he expected the Sharm e-Sheikh conference to produce genuine results. Participants committed themselves to hammering out conclusions in a working group over the next 30

He said he did not meet privately with Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal and therefore there was no specific discussion about the Saudis cusuring no funds from their country would be transferred to Hamas. However, he voiced hope that the Saudis

thing they have asked us for."

The Americans are scheduled

to return to the US next week

with the police requests. The

American source said it appears

Israel will get much of what it has

On the Israeli side, the talks

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are being headed by Cmdr. Sha-

asked for.

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PRESIDENT Bill Clinton might be facing a tough election campaign back home, but he conquered Israel yesterday in a way

While judgment must be reserved on the substantive success of his anti-terrorism conference in Sharm e-Sheikh, one does not have to wait to realize that Clinton came across as someone who has an extraordinary reservoir of empathy for the people of Israel.

At the Sinai parley, Clinton told the assembled leaders, including those of 13 Arab states, that he wanted to personally make it clear that "Israel is not alone." This notion of solidarity was repeated throughout his visit, as he sought to boost Israel's morale.

His symbolic appearances, laced with gestures, radiated warmth and friendship, something one cannot imagine someone like George Bush or Jimmy Carter ever doing. He was tearful while holding Leah Rabin's hand as he stared at the gravestone of Yitzhak Rabin, then placed a stone from the White House on the grave. He also visited the graves of IDF soldiers, including Nahshon Wachsman, and made an unprecedented appearance before the security cabinet. More than anything else, his

# Bush or Carter couldn't have done it

DAVID MAKOVSKY that suggests he could waltz to visit will be remembered for its victory here in May.

impact on Israeli youth, who surrounded him at a Jerusalem high school and at a performing arts center in Tel Aviv. He believes the youth are a fitting audience for his theme that Israel's future must be dominated by hope, not fear, and that peace is in the country's best interest.

Neither stiff nor formal, Clinton sounded as someone who genuinely cares what happens to Israelis, just as he did when he coined the phrase "Shalom, chaver" and eulogized Rabin,

dimensions.

eral, Americans have a certain openness. But, President Clinton has an extreme capability of be-

something he apparently believes would be more likely if Shimon

doubt, Clinton has had luck. Al-(Continued on Page 2)

### Israel asks for US technology to establish separation line source said. "This is the main

ISRAEL has requested the US to supply much of the state-of-theart technology needed to establish a "Demarcation Line" with the administered territories, according to American officials here, to work out the details of the support package promised by US President Bill Clinton.

A team of State Department anti-terror experts has been meeting in recent days with senior police officers to work out the details of exactly what equipment and know-how the US will provide to help Israel fight terror. The US officials were sent here immediately after the attack at

Dizengoff Center last week. Sources involved in the talks said the main Israeli request has been for high-tech equipment, ranging from radar systems to bomb and explosive detection devices. The US offered help in

but this was rejected, the sources

The equipment is virtually all earmarked for the so-called "Demarcation Line" - which largely follows the Green Line - that police have wanted to establish for over a year to prevent Palestinians from illegally infiltrating the country and to keep a close watch on those who enter legally.

A revised plan now being finalized by the police calls for the establishment of eight to 10 border crossings. Only a few kilometers of the more than 200-kilometer-long Demarcation Line will have fences. For the rest of the line, police will be relying heavily on the high-tech equipment from the US to keep infiltrators out.

"The Israelis want equipment

### for their Demarcation Line with training police anti-terror units, the Palestinians," an American

Yatom likely next Mossad chief

DAVID MAKOVSKY

MAJ.-GEN. Danny Yatom is a main candidate to head the Mossad, senior sources confirmed. On the way to the Sharm e-Sheikh conference on Wednesday, Peres

told reporters he had already appointed someone to succeed "S", who is becoming director of the Maccabi Health Fund. Yatom has served as military aide to Peres and Yitzhak Rabin for the last four years. He also has served two stints as OC Central

Yatom is known not just for his discretion, but also his bureaucratic skills. Under Rabin, he gradually centralized all peace process issues not only the security-related - in the Prime Minister's Office.

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COMMENT As Leah Rabin put it: "In gen-

> ing able to initiate a relationship." Of course, there are interests at stake, namely Clinton's fear

that the peace process could unravel before the US elections, Peres is defeated. Furthermore, there is no

most all of his predecessors were

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President Bill Clinton and Leah Rabin stand in silence at the grave of Yitzhak Rabin yesterday on

# Clinton, Rabin family visit 'haver's grave

AS the rain fell on Yitzhak Rabin's newly unveiled tombstone at Mt. Herzi in Jerusalem yesterday, members of the Rabin family gathered in front of the grave: his daughter Dalia, with a bouquet of roses, his son Yuval, and grandchildren Noa and Yonatan.

Behind them, under the tall trees, stood US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Foreign Minister Ehud Barak, and other senior officials. Inside a, giant plastic tent were the security officers overseeing the safety of the

Total quiet reigned. Président

Bill Clinton had requested that not a sound be uttered, and even the Israeli media people turned off their beepers and cellular

Slowly, they approached the grave from the path below - Leah Rabin, carrying red roses, flanked by Clinton and Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Clinton paused to talk in whispers with the family. Then he lifted a wreath of red, white, and blue flowers and laid it on the grave. On a red ribbon across the

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wreath was written, in Hebrew and English, the phrase he coined and which has come to symbolize feelings for Rabin: "Shalom, ha-

Alongside, Leah Rabin placed her roses on the black-and-white marble tombstone designed by architect Moshe Safdie.

Clinton stood for a long minute with bowed head, squeezing Rabin's hand, then took her arm and gently led her to where the rest of the family stood.

Dalia and Noa added their roses, and the family and family friend dispersed in silence.

# Clinton's aid to Israel slammed

HOUSE Foreign Operations Subcommittee chairman Sonny Callahan (Republican, Alabama) attacked President Bill Clinton's announcement of a new \$100 million anti-terrorism package to Israel.

Asked to comment on the matter. Callahan said Clinton "isn't the only one who wants to see a lasting peace in the Middle East. However, I'm uncomfortable, at this time, committing another \$100 million until we have a better understanding [of] how

they're going to pay for this." Callahan, whose committee oversees foreign aid, said he would have "no problem" with Clinton simply taking the funds from the more than \$5 billion already allocated to Egypt and

"But if he expects us to continue coming up with all this money that he goes out and promises. then let me tell you. I'm not excited about it one bit," he said. "And if he's going to ask for a tax increase to pay for this, or if he wants to increase the deficit to do it, then I don't see any way I can

But Senate Intelligence Committee chairman Arlen Specter

(Republican, Pennsylvania) said yesterday that he supports Clinton's pledge of \$100 million to upgrade Israel's anti-terrorism capabilities.

"I think it's a realistic amount to appropriate. We're currently spending \$5.1 billion between Egypt and Israel anyway," Specter said in an interview, referring to their economic and military assistance packages. "If we can really get a hold of terrorism in the Middle East, \$100 million would be a bargain."

Specier - who also sits on the Foreign Operations Subcommittee that has jurisdiction over foreign assistance - said he would not favor allocating additional funds to the Palestinian Authority for upgrading intelligence

He also said Congress would have to "find an offset" account from which to take the money Clinton pledged.

Several Republicans in Congress criticized Clinton last month for pledging to upgrade F-16 fighters for Jordan without seeking congressional advice and

Last year Callahan held up Jordan's debt relief.

Specter met with CIA director John Deutsch on Tuesday as Deutsch was leaving with Clinton for Sharm e-Sheikh to discuss the administration's efforts.

Specter said he is "all for" American intelligence sharing with the PA, provided it's "selectively and carefully done, but said the US should not allocate more funds to the PA beyond the \$500 million in assistance it pledged in 1993. "Let's see them earn that first.

Pardon me for just being a little strident on that point," he said. "I'm not ready to give them any more money until they've earned what we've committed." Meanwhile, late last night Con-

gress passed, by 229-191, a stripped-down version of an antiterrorism bill that was presented after last April's Oklahoma City

Amendments approved on Wednesday removed provisions allowing the deportation of for-

ities hased on secret evidence and forbidding fundraising in the US by terrorist organizations. Other changes were supported by both right-wing and civil hosties groups, fearing an infringement

of individual freedoms. However, Congressman Charles Schumer said a strong

anti-terrorism bill is needed. "This bill does not trample our rights," the New York Democrat said. "Terrorists are raising money in this country today. We must act. We need a hard, cold, balanced response to terrorism."

Schumer released a videotane of meetings held in several US cities where speakers from Islamic groups urged violence against Israel and asked for money to help Palestinians.

"The United States has become a safe haven for Hamas and other terrorist groups to raise money. These videos are graphic proof that Hamas and other militant groups are raising money and organizing extensively in this country," he said.

AIPAC, the pro-Israel lobby, supported the original legislation and released a statement yesterday saying it was "deeply disappointed" by the amended bill.

# IDF continues crackdown on Hamas

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE army arrested 29 Hamas and Islamic Jihad suspects in wide-ranging sweeps throughout Judea and Samaria yesterday, bringing to over 300 the number taken in since the crackdown

Five of the suspects were apprehended in Akabe, near Jenin. and eight others in half a dozen in villages surrounding Ramallah, an army officer said. He said 17 of the arrests were in the Hebron region, 10 in the Arub refugee camp, and the rest in Beit Omar.

Ha'aretz, meanwhile, reported that Israel has captured and is interrogating two Palestinian youths who planned to carry out suicide bombings. The report said they were captured near Hebron last Monday and had explosives rigged for the attacks and other equipment in their possession. They told their interrogators they were only waiting for the signal to strike.

If true, it would be the first time suicide bombers were apprehended with the actual bombs. Previously, Israel has only succeeded in capturing Palestinians who had expressed willingness to commit a suicide attack.

The army refused to comment on the report. A military source said details of the arrest operation in the Hebron area are being heavily suppressed.

But another officer involved in the sweeps said the story was probably not true, since the level of arrests did not include those involved in Hamas on that level,

### Winning cards and numbers

In last night's Payis Hazak drawing, the holder of ticket NIS 1,000,000.

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Tickets numbered 253676. 633582, 289355, 369680, 886426, 462403, 845927 and 269541 won NIS 5,000. Those tickets ending in 38620, 95065, 38770, 92321, 23056, 14355, 58015, 40368, 02141, 45932, 67716, 07404, 57026, 60340, 18282 56934, 00255, 18938 and 67399 won NIS 1,000. Tickets ending in 823, 565, 067, 695, and 520 won NIS 100. Tickets ending in 32, 02, 20, 40 and 23 won NIS 24. Tickets ending in 3 and 8 won

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the 10 of spades, queen of hearts, ace of diamonds and king of clubs.

### CORRECTION

The characterization of AIPAC's work on Capitol Hill in the March 11 issue was in error. AIPAC worked with members of Congress to express concern about Chairman Yasser Arafat's inadequate efforts to combat terrorism; it mobilized support for a House resolution and Senate letter which put Congress on record in support of Israel's fight against terror; and called on Arafat to take specific measures to combat terrorism or risk US support for the Palestinian Authority.



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### **IDF** eases closure

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE army is to lift the internal closure in Judea and Samaria for 12 hours starting at 6 a.m. today, allowing Palestinians to move from village to village in order to work and stock up on supplies, an official said.

Palestinians will still be barred from entering Israel, and the closure will be reimposed tonight, said Shlomo Dror, spokesman for the Coordinator for Government Activity in the Territories.

Israel is also considering a number of steps to ease the closure, which has kept some two million Palestinians under virtual

Security officials are to meet over the weekend to examine the possibility of lifting the closure for good if security for Israelia can be ensured, Dror said.

Israel also intends to gradually allow food and produce to be allowed into Gaza, Judea and Samaria, followed by allowing produce, and later clothing, to be exported from the Palestinian-

This easing of restrictions would culminate with allowing Palestinian laborers to return to their jobs in Israel.

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Peres higher in polls after Clinton visit Polls yesterday showed this week's international antiterrorism summit and a visit to Israel by US President Bill Clinton may have given Prime Minister Shimon Peres a much-

A Channel 1 television survey showed Peres had regained a slight lead over Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu; up by 47 to 45 percent. A similar poll by Channel 2 showed Peres leading 51 to 47 percent. Neither poll gave a margin of error or the

sample size. Arab League encourages peace process Arab foreign ministers yesterday urged Israel to resume negotiations with Syria and the Palestinians. In a statement issued after their semiannual meeting at Arab League headquarters in Cairo, the ministers also accused Israel of

procrastinating in following through on its peace pledges to

the Palestinians. "We urge the two cosponsors [the US and Russia] to intervene with Israel to avoid delay in its talks with Syria and to end its occupation of the Golan," the statement said. The ministers also criticized Israel for sealing the territories after the bombings, terming the act "collective punishment."

Man killed in road accident

David Malik, 60, of Haifa, was killed yesterday morning when his motorscooter was hit by a car near the Cave of Elijah the Prophet. Two passengers in the car were lightly injured.

### **CLINTON**

(Continued from Page 1) would do their share in combat-

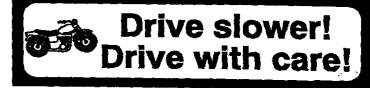
ting terrorism. Clinton also expressed optimism that European would get tougher toward fran, since Teheran is "committed to supporting these terrorist activities and glori-

fying them." In thinly-veiled criticism of Europe's current lax approach in dealing with Iran, Clinton said, "Every country in the world that deals with them is going to have to just wake up in the morning, look in the mirror, and decide whether they're going to stay with the policy they have or change it."

### BUSH

(Continued from Page 1) faced with an Israel whose peace policies were - in different degrees - at odds with those of the US; but in Rabin, Clinton found a partner rather than an antagonist, and this has helped ensure the honeymoon of the last few

But these broader issues did not seem to matter yesterday. Clinton told one teenager, who asked him how to be a leader; that one must feel empathy for the needs of others. Regarding Israel, he clearly takes his own



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president. "We want to tell him that the young in Israel love people like Clinton who, although they are terribly busy and terribly important, take the time to come and tell us that they are on our side," one boy said.

Clinton spoke to them of the destiny of the Jewish people, of Yitzbak Rabin, and of the great period of change in which we are living, "the greatest since the Industrial Revolution 100 years ago." But most of all, he spoke of the future and the next generation's place in it.

Clinton told the youths that Israel is not alone, that America stands with them and supports them. He promised that the conference in Sharm e-Sheikh will not end in words alone and reiterated Washington's commitment to fight with Israel against

He called on them not to abandon hope in the face of adversity and to fight to fulfill their dream for a better future.

Clinton, who was presented by Peres as "a man who is trying to change the future from blood to .hope," seemed to enchant the thousand or so young people in the audience.

"We know that overcoming adversity is the genius of the Jewish people and the history of the State of Israel," Clinton told them. "No nation on earth knows [better] that the path of trial often passes through tragedy.

"No people knows better, through millennia of exile and persecution, inquisition and pogroms, and the ultimate evil of the Holocaust, that you must deny victory to oppressors, that you must flourish - indeed flourish, not just endure - against all

odds."
Peres, who spoke before Clinton, was received with a storm of applause in a standing ovation. He spoke of the joint Israel-US efforts "to turn a region of hatred, fighting, suspicion, and cynicism into a region of understanding and hope."

ment has had trouble finding "Thirty of the world's leaders, among them 13 leaders of Arab states, sat there [in the Sharm e-Sheikh conference]," Peres said. "Clinton rose and said, not in Israel before Jews, but on Egyptian soil, 'My heart is with the people of Israel, with the suffering they are going through.' I never saw anything like it. I saw

before me a new world."

### Clinton calls boys injured in TA attack

THE hospital where 16-yearold Tal Loel is recovering from last week's Tel Aviv bomb blast was not on President Bill Clinton's itinerary yesterday.

So Loel invited himself to the White House instead. "I'm sorry I couldn't come by to see you," Clinton told the excited teenager in a six-minute telephone call yesterday afternoon to Ichilov Hospital, where Loel and his best friend

plastic surgery unit. "We would be happy to visit you in the White House when we get better," proposed Loel, who was badly burned on his stomach, arm, and leg.

Uri Tal are being treated in the

"You will be most welcome," Clinton responded. We would love to see you there."

The presidential phone call came about after the two teens sent a telegram to Clinton, asking him to come see them at the hospital during his 24-hour visit to Israel. Clinton, however, had been advised against making a hospital visit for security

"As victims of terrorism, the reason for your visit in the Middle East, we also believe that peace is the only true solution for this area," the boys said in the telegram.

"We wish to strength [sic] yours and Mr. Peres's hands." Tal, whose eardrums were injured in the blast, did not speak to Clinton. Clinton spoke to his mother, Esther,

and speeches over, Clinton rose to leave. But hearing that four pupils had prepared questions, he decided to stay to answer them, though he was already behind

Then, signaled by his security men that he really must leave, he walked up to the two children's choirs on the stage and shook hands with those in the front row, from the Ethiopian Shva choir, which had sung "The Way to

Jerusalem." Clinton then walked into the rows of choir members and stood smiling widely - giving them a photo-opportunity with the US

Still, he lingered, waving again and again to the cheering youngsters. A sea of hands waved back, until he walked away and disap-

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### -Clinton heeds plea from Olmert, visits Jerusalem high school

BILL HUTMAN

US PRESIDENT Bill Clinton made an unscheduled stop yesterday to light memorial candles and meet pupils at the Jerusalem high school that lost four graduates in the recent Hamas terror attacks.

"We don't want the children to grow up in terror, but in a land that is both free and safe," Clinton said upon his arrival at the Beit Hinuch High School in the Katamon neighborhood, where he was met by cheering pupils.

The meeting came after heavy Coaxing from Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, who was up in arms over Clinton's not having scheduled an event in the capital, hardest hit in the recent wave of bombings, to memorialize those killed in terror attacks.

US officials said Israel requested such an event be held in Tel Aviv and not Jerusalem for security reasons. Police confirmed that they asked for the event to be held in Tel Aviv, due to the

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threat of an attack in Jerusalem. But Clinton, after meeting Olmert at his hotel in the morning. decided to change his plans and visit the school. "The mayor pointed out to me this school, what had happened here, and that it was on my way," Clinton

: "I-just asked them to rearrange 'my schedule," Clinton told reporters at Beit Hinuch, where security was extremely tight. Most of the pupils were forced to remain in their classrooms, and only watch from the windows as

the president came and went. · Clinton met with a handful of pupils at the school's entrance enext to a memorial for the fallen in terror attacks and wars. He lit four candles, in memory of Youi Baram, Yoni Levy, Merav Na--chum, and Moshe Reuven, killed in the two recent suicide bomb-

ings in the city. "Thank you for coming here." one pupil said.

"I hope you are reclected president," said another.

The visit, also aftended by Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Olmert, lasted about 15 minutes. "There are some things that

you can just request, and there are things that you must demand," said Olmert, who had threatened to boycott the Clinton visit because the president did not schedule a stop at a city

school or terror bombing site. Clinton's decision came too late for Olmert to change his order on Tuesday forbidding official Jerusalem school participation in the Tel Aviv meeting between Clinton and pupils, because Clinton was not making a similar stop in Jerusalem, accord-

ing to city officials. In their meeting, Olmert also offered municipal aid in expediting the move of the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Clinton made no indication he would take Olmert up on the offer, ac-

cording to the officials. Meanwhile, traffic ground to a halt in much of Jerusalem while Clinton was in the city.

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# whomever Israeli electorate chooses

US PRESIDENT Bill Clinton promised yesterday his administration will work with whomever

the Israeli electorate votes for. He made his comment after meeting with Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu for half an

The meeting was described as warm and friendly by Netanyahu's aides.

Clinton defined America's part in the Mideast peace process as a "facilitating role," and said the actual agreements must be hammered, out, by the parties, as opposed to the US imposing solu-

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Clinton to Netanyahu: I will work with

tions upon them. Clinton, who acknowledged Netanyahu's popularity abroad, asked him to use his influence to campaign worldwide for a more effective fight against terror. Clinton said he had read Netanyahu's previous books, and was

US President Bill Clinton meets with Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday in Jerusalem.

given a copy of his latest book. Netanyahu told Clinton that be welcomes his visit here, and said that should he be elected, his government will continue the peace process, "but from a different di-'rection' and with different

emphases. Recent atrocities in Israel have made people cynical, but they must not lose hope for peace. Yet peace must be sought realistically. Terror must be combatted everywhere, and the IDF must not be prevented of entering any area needed to safeguard Israeli civilians."

Netanyahu stressed that he does not propose reoccupying Gaza, but that he will insist on freedom of action for Israel evervwhere:

doing nearly enough at his end. Accompanying Netanyahu to the visit was his spokesman, Shai Bazak, and Dr. Dore Gold, of Tel Aviv University's Jaffe Cen-

against nations which foster and

abet terrorism, and argued that

the PLO's Yasser Arafat is not

ter for Strategic Studies. On the American side, Secretary of State Warren Christopher, National Security Adviser Anthony Lake, Mark Paris, who is responsible for Near East affairs in the National Security Council, and US Ambassador in Israel Martin Indyk took part.

A stripped down version of the

plan that will cost just over

NIS 200 million to implement has

nearly been finalized, according

to the sources. But the govern-

funding even for the new plan,

despite its stated commitment to

He urged tangible sanctions

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On the US side, the State Department's Office of Anti-terrorism Assistance is handling the contacts with the police. They have toured the proposed Demarcation Line to see firsthand

The American officials also vis-

ited the training grounds of the police anti-terror unit, the Yamam. The Americans offered to bring several Yamam members to the US for additional training, but police brass said they were not interested.

Senior police sources said they were impressed by the openness

in a wide range of anti-terror operations. However, in operational areas, such as with the Yamam, there is little if anything the Americans can contribute, the

aim is to use the American aid to establish the Demarcation Line, which has long been held up because of lack of funding. The original plan presented over a year ago carried a price tag of over NIS 500 million.

The sources confirmed their .

carry it out, the sources said. Next week, Border Police Cmdr. Yisrael Sadan, who heads

the police committee on implementation of the demarcation plan, is slated to present it to Hefetz, Sources said the US aid will likely be the major factor in the plan finally being realized.

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# Shaath threatens armed conflict if peace fails

PALESTINIAN Planning Minister and leading negotiator Nabil Shaath has threatened a return to the "armed struggle" if Israel does not yield to Palestinian demands. Shaath, known as a political moderate and dedicated advocate of the Oslo process, was speaking at a recent Nablus symposium televised by Palestinian television.

A videotape of the program was released yesterday by the Institute for Peace Education, the organization which first exposed tapes of belligerent speeches by Yasser Arafat. In it, Shaath is seen mak-

ing the following remarks:
"If the negotiations reach a dead

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end, we shall go back to the struggle and strife, as we did for 40 years. It is not beyond our capa-

"As long as Israel goes forward [with the process], there are no problems, which is why we observe the agreements of peace and non-violence. But if and when Israel will say, 'That's it, we won't talk about Jerusalem, we won't return refugees, we won't dismantle settlements, and we won't retreat from borders, then

all the acts of violence will return. "Except that this time we'll have 30,000 armed Palestinian soldiers who will operate in areas in which we have unprecedented elements of freedom.

Speaking in similar terms, Fatah secretary and Arafat spokesman Marwan Bargouti told the London newspaper The Independent on Tuesday that the Palestinian security forces have been ordered to fire on Israeli soldiers if they try to enter territory under the PA's

"They have already received their orders," he said. He also said that the

Palestinians possess much more weaponry than the agreement allows and that their armed forces are much larger than advertised.

# Lebanon protests Israeli presence

BEIRUT (Reuter) - Lebanon shut down yesterday in a protest called by the country's top Shi'ite politician against Israel's occupation of

the security zone. Schools, shops, businesses, and government offices closed for the 18th anniversary of Israel's first invasion of Lebanon in the year

yellow ribbons and flew yellow ribbons on their cars to mark the

percent of the country.
In Beirut, Hizbullah cars toured streets, decked with yellow rib-bons. They carried loudspeakers blaring resistance hymns and boxes on their hoods to collect

contributions. The strike, called by parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, was widely observed, even in Christian areas

tinued fighting.
The government complained in a statement that the world is doing nothing to stop or condemn Israeli "terrorism and violent acts" against south Lebanon, while holding the Sharm e-Sheikh summit in response to acts of violence

against Israel. "They were sorry because we did not attend the summit, but they never felt sorry over Lebanon's continued destruc-tion," President Elias Hrawi was

### Poll: Most **Palestinians** support terror

A SURVEY of Palestinian residents of Samana shows that 76 percent of respondents support the continuation of terrorist attacks in areas occupied by Israel and in areas where there are settlers. The survey was conducted by Nablus's An-Najah University student council and its results were published in Wednesday's An-Nahar newspaper lerusalem, Israel Radio reported.

More than 84% expressed opposition to steps taken by the Palestinian Police against Hamas and 86% said there is no difference between right and left in Israel regarding the Palestinian Jerusalem Post Staff

# US offers \$2 million for Achille Lauro hijacker

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - The United States offered a reward of up to \$2 million on Wednesday for information leading to the recapture of a Palestinian hijacker of the Achille Lauro cruise ship

US President Bill Clinton gestures as he chats with Prime Minister Shimon Peres at yesterday's special

them are Foreign Minister Ehud Barak (left) and Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

who escaped from prison in Italy.

In a sign of the high priority Washington is assigning to the case in which American Leon Klinghoffer was murdered, the State Department announced it was also prepared to resettle informants and their families in the United States.

Spokesman Glyn Davies said the US offer was eparate from an unspecified reward offered on Wednesday by the Italian government for information on the escaped hijacker, Magied Molqi.

Molqi, who was serving a 30-year sentence for the 1985 hijack, failed to return to jail in Rome on February 28 after 12 days' parole for good behavior.
The US government has told Italy of its indignation that he was allowed out of prison.

Molqi was found primarily responsible for the murder of Klinghoffer, a wheelchair-bound American Jew who was shot and dumped overboard. Moloi's escape has caused outrage in the US and

Davies said Molqi should be considered amed. and dangerous," and anyone with information on him. should contact the nearest US Embassy or consulate

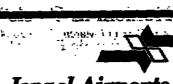
or the US government in Washington.

The State Department promised "complete confidentiality" to informants. "If appropriate, the US government will even relocate people and their family. ilies to the US," Davies said.

He said Washington had told the Italian government of its offer. Earlier, Italy's Interior Ministry said it was ready to offer a "substantial reward" for infor-

Davies said Washington was awaiting the results of Italy's investigation into how Moich obtained a furlough, but was pleased with steps the Italians had taken "and the understanding they've expressed of our initial tough reaction."

Of four Palestinians originally convicted in Italy of the Achille Lauro hijacking off the coast of Egypt, only one is still in prison. One was paroled in 1991 and another disappeared the same year while on



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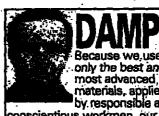
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### Bomber's driver petitions court

SAID Suleimani, suspected of transporting the Dizengoff bomber to Tel Aviv, petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday Service's refusal to let him meet with his lawyer. Suleimani has already petitioned the court once on this issue and been turned down, after the court was convinced that allowing him to see a lawyer would interfere with the investigation and damage state security. He again petitioned the court because the ban on meetings was extended on Monday for a second week. Evelyn Gordon,



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which fear Hizbullah's Islamic In Beirut, many Lebanese wore militancy. Lebanon's Maronite Christian bishops issued a statement expressing solidarity with the South and concern at the con-Day of Solidarity with occupied south Lebanon, which totals 11

# Turkish president: Patience needed for peace

GAZA CITY (AP) - Israel and the Palestinians must be patient and have more confidence in each other if the peace process is to succeed, Turkey's president said yesterday.

"The peace process comes after some 45 years of fighting," President Suleyman Demirel said at a news conference after meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza. "Both sides should

Demirel, making his first visit to Gaza, said Turkey is ready to help the Palestinians develop their economy and to increase trade with them. Arafat said he discussed with Demirel the difficulties the Palestinians face as a result of the 19-day closure on the West Bank and Gaza.

The closure is creating "very terrible and very dif-ficult circumstances and a very sad atmosphere, and has given a very good platform for those who are

against peace," Arafat said.
"No doubt it is affecting the peace process negatively, because it is a collective punishment," he

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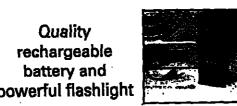




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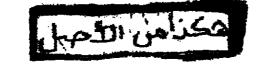
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Prime Minister Shimon Peres shakes Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdul-Karim al-Iryani's hand, while Russian President Boris Yeltsin looks on, at the anti-terrorism summit on Wednesday.

# Arab press: The only summit winner was Israel

CAIRO (Reuter) - The Arab press yesterday gave mixed interpretations of the results of the Sharm e-Sheikh summit, but many editorials agreed Israel was poised to benefit most.

The state-run press in Syria and Libya called the summit a clear victory for Israel and a resounding defeat for the Arabs.

"The Middle East peace process became the first loser of the summit. Arab causes were subjected to harm ... The only winner was the Zionist radicalism which opposes a just and comprehensive peace," Syria's Tishreen said.

"Such a summit, which claimed that it is a summit of peacemakers, should have discussed the main reasons behind the hindering of the peace process," Al-Thawra said.

The Arab affairs editor of the Libyan news agency JANA wrote: "The conference ended with the victory of the Israelis over Arabs and the confirmation of their hegemony over them. "The Israelis have achieved through attend-

ing the conference everything they wanted, from guaranteeing their security to guaranteeing the trial of those who want to liberate their land from the impurity of the Israeli occupation," he said.

In Jordan, some papers doubted whether the summit would bolster peace and curb violence. Others said it gave solid Arab and international backing to Israel and the Palestinians.

Al-Ra'i said; "The summit succeeded in pro-viding Arab and international backing to Israel in a manner that prevents the peace process from collapsing and boosts the forces of peace and moderation. Hence, the symbolic side was more important than the practical side."

But a columnist at the paper disagreed, saying Israel was the victor while Arabs failed. The Israelis maximized the use of the sum-

mit and capitalized on [the attacks] and world reactions to highlight the terrorist face of the Arabs, Moslems, and Palestinians. Of course,

they were helped by grave mistakes committed by those who do not draw the line between resistance and terror."

Egypt's opposition Al-Ahrar said the summit would not change anything as long as Israeli occupation continued.

"The Palestinian people will not give up their guns as long as their land is occupied. Every Palestinian citizen is a time-bomb ready to explode at any moment as long as control and subjugation continue," it said.

Gulf Arab newspapers said condemnation of political violence also included israel. Saudi Arabia's Al-Yaum said: "Israeli massacres against Moslems in the occupied territo-

ries were not less repugnant than recent bomb-Qatar's Al-Sharq said: "The summit has

condemned all attacks harming the peace process. This applies to all attacks being Palestinian or Israeli."

# Peres: Syrian talks must go on

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday he wants to keep the door open for further peace talks with Syria, despite its con-

spicuous absence from the Sharm e-Sheikh conference. "We don't want to close all the doors," Peres told reporters at a joint news conference with US President Bill Clinton. "We should clearly make it known that we cannot support terrorist head-quarters in Damascus or elsewhere. But at the same time, we should continue the peace effort."

Foreign Minister Ehud Barak said Israel expects "a clear condemnation from Syria" of the recent suicide bombings. He said talks would resume "when conditions allow."

Syria called the conference an "international propaganda demonstration" intended to legitimize Israel's occupation of Arab terri-

In his remarks at the conference, Peres singled out Iran as a supporter of terrorism. He did not mention Syria.

Yesterday, he acknowledged that "there is a similarity" between Syria and Iran, "because there are headquarters of terrorist organizations in Damascus. But there is also a difference. Syria Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

does not call today, like Iran does, for the destruction of Israel. "Syria is negotiating with Israel to look for a peace, which Iran

refuses completely." Syria must be persuaded "to depart from any support or shelter to terrorism," Peres said. "It's not black and white. It's difficult, it takes time."

Clinton agreed that the Syrians' absence from the conference was "a mistake," but said he was not surprised.

"It was a missed opportunity for the Syrians, and I wish that they had been there, but I do not believe that undermines the fundamental fact that the US is committed to support Israel, if Israel is

involved in negotiations and tak-

ing risks for peace," he said. "We know there will never be a comprehensive peace in the Middle East until there is a resolution of the differences between

Israel and Syria." US and Israeli officials say Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and other terrorist groups have offices in Damascus th "Id be shut down. The annual Oc report on

er, that while providing safe haven for these groups, Syria itself has not sponsored a terrorist act for

Officials with access to intelligence data say the offices are operational, and Islamic Jihad, in

particular, has directed attacks from its Damascus office. Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara, meanwhile, said his country did not participate in the conference because it felt its presence

would "serve Israel." Speaking to reporters after a closed-door meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, Shara also said he feels the summit's final communique

was "unbalanced." "The Syrian leadership studied the pros and cons of the conference and found that our participation would serve Israel." Shara

"We understand its sensitivity," Shara said of the bombings in Israel. "And we said that Syria has repeatedly condemned killing the innocent and made a distinction between fighting occupation and

killing the innocent." Moussa disagreed, saying the summit "tried to emerge with a balanced approach based on

# Euro parliament calls for terrorist crackdown

terrorism worldwide says, howev-

STRASBOURG, France (Reuter) - THE European Parliament yesterday protested Iran's policy of financially supporting terror and called on all countries to

pressure Iran into stopping that support.

Practical steps are needed to fight terrorism and safeguard the Middle East peace process, the parlia-

US President Bill Clinton said on Wednesday after a 27-nation "Summit of Peacekeepers" at Sharm e-Sheikh that funding for radical groups would be

blocked, but gave few details of other measures. In a resolution condemning recent attacks, the parliament also regretted that some Middle Eastern countries had not attended the summit called after Hamas Islamic fundamentalist bomb attacks killed 58 people in Israel. Iran and other regional states accused of supporting terrorism were not invited and Syria turned down

an invitation. The parliament welcomed efforts by the Palestine Authority to arrest Hamas activists, and urged it to continue to cooperate with the Israeli government in

cracking down on terrorists. It regretted that Israel's closure of borders with the Palestine territories had caused economic hardship, and urged the EU to increase humanitarian and reconstruction aid, while ensuring that extremist groups did not benefit.

# France to \$16 million Palestinian aid pact

PARIS (Reuter) - France will grant the Palestinian Authority 80 million francs (\$16 million) to develop the port of Gaza and launch water purification projects, French officials said yesterday.

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The agreement is to be signed tomorrow in Gaza by French Economy Minister Jean Arthuis Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

"This visit aims at showing that France backs the peace process, notably in the concrete sphere of economic aid," government spokesman Alain Lamassoure told

A séparate sum of about 23 million francs (\$4.6 million) has already been agreed for cultural. scientific, and technical aid to the Palestinians, he said.

The two bilateral aid packages, agreed in December, are separate from France's share of close to 20 percent in a \$480 million European Union aid program for

Prench President Jacques Chirac said at the "Summit of Peacemakers" in Egypt on Wednesday that economic development is the key to peace.

Arthuis will meet Prime Minister Shimon Peres in Jerusalem on Sunday before traveling to Kuwait the next day, officials said.

### Track work disrupts train service today

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With the introduction of Daylight Saving Time, there will be a change in the timetable starting tomorrow night Trains will depart two hours later than previously, leaving Tel Aviv Hashalom at 21:44 and 22:39, from Haifa Bat Galim at 21:00, and from Kiryat Motzkin at 21:02.

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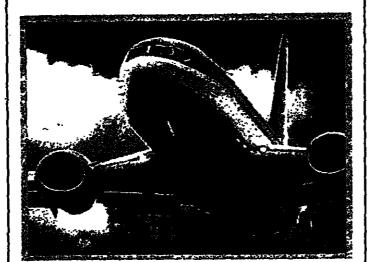
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# The Shaath tape

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RIME Minister Shimon Peres's standard response to critics of the Oslo accord, reiterated several times in recent days, is disarmingly simple and seemingly incontrovertible. True, he says, the Islamic groups still practice terrorism; but they are a small minority. What the Oslo agreement has achieved is the disavowal of terrorism on the part of a majority of the Palestinian people. The PLO, representing this majority, has decisively switched from violence to negotiations.

Deviating from the Oslo process, Peres says, will only make this majority revert to terrorism and violence. The only option is to continue with the process, and make its success complete by eliminating the terrorist threat with the PLO's help. And while the PLO may not have done enough to combat terrorism, it will undoubtedly realize, with a little pressure from us, that its own future depends on it and act accordingly, Peres concludes.

The only trouble with this assessment is that it is based on the transparently false assumption that the PLO has disavowed terrorism. Evidence to the contrary begins with the seemingly trivial but symbolic fact that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat still appears in public only in military uniform, with the battlefield stubble he has made his trademark. And it is difficult to interpret his speeches at Palestinian rallies, in which glorify "martyrs" who have died in the war against Israel, as sermons against violence.

The themes to which he returns with faithful regularity in these speeches are also less than encouraging. He repeatedly asserts that the agreement with Israel is similar to pacts the Prophet Mohammed signed with enemies in moments of weakness, only to ignore them when the Moslems became strong enough to win; that acquiring territories from Israel is part of the 1974 PLO plan of stages for Israel's destruction; that the liberation of Palestine will continue until it becomes a state with Jerusalem its capital; and that this liberation will be achieved "with soul and blood."

At first Peres found reports of these-pro-mothem into potential Beiruts. nouncements so incredible that he suggested though the speeches had all been videotaped that they were forgeries. He then said that what mattered was not what Arafat said, but only what he did - which at the time he described as a superb job in combatting terrorism. Other

observers, including Military Intelligence officers, also minimized the importance of these speeches. Delivered at large rallies, they were aimed at preempting the radicals with tough talk. They do not reflect Palestinian policies, said the experts.

But now the Institute for Peace Education, which was responsible for revealing the first Arafat tapes, has acquired a videotape of a recent symposium in Nablus in which Nabil Shaath, the PA's minister of planning and one of Arafat's closer advisers and negotiators, was prominent participant. Shaath, the most Western" of the Palestinian leaders, is considered a moderate and a dedicated advocate of the

This is what he said: "If the negotiations - h a dead end, we shall go back to the struggle and strife, as we did for 40 years. It is not beyond our capabilities ... As long as Israel goes forward [with the process], there are no problems, which is why we observe the agreements of peace and non-violence. But if and when Israel will say, 'That's it, we won't talk about Jerusalem, we won't return refugees, we won't dismantle settlements and we won't retreat from borders,' then all the acts of violence will return. Except that this time we'll have 30,000 armed Palestinian soldiers who will operate in areas in which we have unprecedented elements of freedom.'

As if to complement these statements, Fatah secretary and Arafat spokesman Marwan Bargouti told the London newspaper The Independent on Tuesday that the Palestinian security forces have been ordered to fire on Israeli soldiers if they try to enter territories under the PA's control. "They have already received their orders," he said. He also told the paper that the Palestinians are in possession of much more weaponry than the agreement allows, and that their armed forces are much larger than

It is known, too, that large quantities of cement have been acquired by the PA to build bunkers and fortifications in the cities, turning The regime taking shape in Judea, Samaria,

and Gaza is not, then, the ally and peacemaker envisioned by Peres, but another Lebanon. And if the Katyushas are not there yet, it is only because human bombs have proved much more efficient.



RESIDENT Bill Clinton's short visit to Israel vesterday was one of the most genuine and warm gestures ever made by an American president to the people of Israel. It is impossible to doubt the sincerity and genuineness of the feelings he expressed during his meetings with high school pupils and speaking on the phone to a wounded victim of the suicide bombing in Tel Aviv.

A US president is never a private person. He is bound by the policy considerations of his administration as well as by the wishes of his official hosts. And it was obviously a policy decision not to hold the official welcome to the president in Jerusalem. This, despite Clinton's own pledge to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and his legal commitment, through an act of Congress, to move the American Embassy to Jerusalem.

The explanation - that the president did not want to seem partial during the negotiations - is hardly convincing, since the ceremony would have been held in the western part of the city. But the Palestinian objections prevailed. As PA planning minister Nabil Shaath told the Jerusalem Arabic daily A-Nahar yesterday, according to the Oslo agreement all of Jerusalem is negotiable. And the Palestinians have no intention of limiting their claims to the eastern part of the

That President Ezer Weizman declined to accept such considerations of policy is admirable. His refusal to let Ben-Gurion Airport serve as Israel's capital was an act Israel expects of its president.

Just as admirable was Mayor Ehud Olmert's insistence on defying both the exigencies of the president's itinerary and the niceties of protocol by asking Clinton to pay an unplanned visit to the Jerusalem school which lost four graduates to terrorism. That Clinton eagerly agreed to the visit is a measure of his largeness of heart and depth of understanding. One should like to hope that, as the tough battle for Jerusalem progresses, this understanding will be applied to policy considerations as well.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE

Sir, - As a lifelong Labor sup-porter, Teddy Kollek presumably helieves what he said in "Put real Jerusalem issues before silly slogans" (March 8).

Like Mr. Peres, he forgets that the national consensus in Jerusalem can no longer be taken for granted because, for years, Israeli Jews like Moshe Amirav, Gersbon Baskin, Sara Kaminker, Uri Avnery, etc. have been advocating the concept of "sharing" the city with the Palestinians. At the same time, organizations like the Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information (IP-CRI) have been promoting the idea

internationally.

Mr. Kollek should, first of all, sort out his priorities: trying to solve Jerusalem's economic and infra-structure problems while the city's political future remains uncertain, means to put the cart before the

The growing gap between rich and poor, the increasing animosity between the religious and secular sectors and the decline in moral values generally are matters affecting not only Jerusalem but the whole country and Mr. Kollek ought to address his complaints to the government, not to the opposition. For as long as it has been in office, the policy has been to ridicule and discredit the religious, to demoralize the public generally and the IDF in

particular by taking Jewish values out of education and everyday life and has sought to replace Zionist ideals and pride in the Jewish heritage with materialism of the worst kind. It has also neglected the country's economic problems in favor of its single-minded pursuit of an elusive peace process and an even more elusive "new Middle East."

There can be no doubt that secret talks have been and probably still are being held by Israeli academics (with the blessing of a government minister) and, in his recent Stockholm speech, Yasser Arafat revealed that "Peres and Beilin" had already promised him "half of Jerusalem," adding that eventually the Palestinians would take the whole. The Likud is therefore fully justified in sounding the alarm bells concerning the future of Jerusalem. Having been deceived once before by the 1992 Labor election slogans, what guarantee do we have that the Labor leader's renewed vow on Istael's capital is not just another election promise, meant to be discarded as and when it has helped him to retain

R. WILLERS Jerusalem (Wembley Park, Middx). HERE TO STAY

Sir, -I'm sure I speak for many if not all Israelis when I take strong exception to Sidney Zion's assertion (oped piece, March 10) that "...if people can't walk on the streets of Tel Aviv, it's over for Israel." For Mr. Zion's information, as well as that of Hamas and any other terrorists, neither terrorists' bombs nor the lear of them will ever mean it's 'over' for Israel Israel is not an experiment that can be "over." In case you haven't noticed, Mr. Zion,

Israel is bere to stay.

RUTH MASON

TURNED OFF Sir, -I am a Likud voter. However, two images that appeared on the news have turned me off: (1) Rafael Eitan parading through downtown Hebron brandishing a gun; (2) Dov Shilansky, in a jovial mood (while the whole country is still mourning), presenting a JNF certificate to the yeshiva student who shot dead the then still-unconfirmed Arab-American who ran into a crowd of Israelis in the French Hill suburb of

If this is what Bibi Netanyahu's Likud has in store for me, then I am afraid it is time for me to switch allegiances. SAUL KATZMAN

Tel Aviv.

### rorists. His message to the conference he though Gaza isn't the base from conveyed via Russia's Boris

and foreign ministers to Sharm e-Sheikh this week? Was it the four Hamas suicide bombers who struck earlier in Jerusalem, ence were shaken to the same extent. Some saw the parley as an opportunity to try to "save" Arafat and proclaim their financial sup-Ashkelon, and Tel Aviv? Anyone who paid close attention to the speeches - most of which port for the PA, acting as though repeatedly stressed the danger of "peace being murdered" and played down the fact that Jews and the authority wasn't providing a haven for the terrorists, and as Israelis had actually been murdered which Hamas and Islamic Jihad - found it hard to escape the have been launching terror against impression that most of those presidents, kings etc. had come to the

OPINION

HAT brought 28 presidents, kings, premiers

Hebron and rural areas.

with its tacit approval

canceled

nanicked.

drawals as long as the Palestinians continue violating the agreements

with murder and aggression. And it's all the same whether it goes on

with the overt permission of the

Palestinian Authority, or merely

Repeated calls by President

Weizman that talks with the

Palestinians be delayed so that the

process can be reappraised were a

source of worry to Yasser Arafat

and other Arab leaders. And after

the government stopped all prepa-

rations for evacuating Hebron at

the end of this month and even

Palestinian Authority officials

concerning travel arrangements between Gaza and Jericho, they

There is no doubt that President

Clinton was genuinely outraged by

the bombings. Israel and America have cooperated in fighting terror

since the murder of the Israeli ath-letes at the 1972 Munich

Olympics. And the US proved its

solid identification with us by dis-

tching up-to-date sensors and

meetings

Many of the leaders didn't come summit out of fear that Israel might such a distance to make a five-mincease or delay implementing the utes speech or participate in a joint Oslo accords, especially the timetable for its withdrawal from communique. Most of them have already helped draft such declara-The world's leaders understand quite well that enraged Israelis cannot proceed with the with-

other bomb-detecting equipment.

But not all leaders at the confer-

nor Israel. Some weeks ago Russia requested a more direct role in the Israeli-Syrian negotiations, sug-gesting alternate sessions in Maryland and Moscow.

That was also the reason why not only help him win.

to the Sharm e-Sheikh formula

MOSHE ZAK

They all came with one joint

THAT wasn't the case with Syria, however. Damascus attempted to show the Arab world that it need not panic over Israel's threat. It wanted to prove that, ultimately, Israel wouldn't condition a renewal of talks on Hafez Assad's curbing Hizbullah terrorism from the

Yeltsin and the Saudi foreign minister. In their speeches, both included Syria's proposal that the Madrid Conference be recon-

areas he controls, nor on his dis-

headquarters in Syria.

vened.

Yeltsin proposed Moscow as a venue, surprising neither the US

Negotiations with Syria now could point Arafat to a path contrary

tions after terrorist strikes elsewhere.

They came chiefly to persuade Israel to carry on with the peace process - in other words, to continue the withdrawal.

only Egypt and Jordan, the Arab states with full diplomatic relations with Israel, sent high-ranking delegates. So did all the Maghreb countries (except Libya, which wasn't invited), and the Gulf states, including Saudi Arabia.

aim: to neutralize Israel's threat to suspend further withdrawal.

The Russian leader is engaging in some muscle-flexing here, trying to show that he is restoring Russia's lost superpower glory. He also has an eye on forthcoming elections, and believes that an enhanced role in our region can What was the underlying mes-

sage of Syria's "reconvene Madrid" proposal to the 33 412 countries represented at the conference? And what did the Sandi foreign minister mean by endorsing it? The message was very likely that the peace process could be conducted under the umbrella of continued "armed struggle" against Israel by Hamas and Hizbuilah terrorists. This directly contradicted the message the US

The Syrian terror umbrel tried to put across - that telepor sign must be fought wherever at exists.

The US and Israel rejected the 0 operative part of the Systam "J mantling Hamas and other terrorist Russian-Saudi proposal for recon-In boycotting the conference Assad's intention was to demonone gains from American-Israeli talks in Jerusalem is ordered i strate his influence, and show that no one can force him to stop pro-Washington pleading with Israel to get the talks with Syria going viding sanctuary for anti-Israel ter-

Some people are trying to per-suade us that talks could help bring Hizbullah terrorism to an endbBut after Syria's refusal to condemn terror, a resumption of negotiations ...!! on our part would surely send quite the wrong signal to Palestinian ter-

Victory for Syria's policy would amount to spitting in the face of Wednesday's conference 🚈 🚈 🙃

It was Israel's threat to suspend in the redeployment from Hebron, R added to its vigorous steps against Hamas, that forced Arafat to admit 

If Israel should throw away its .... bargaining card of tough response to terror, Arafat might be led to return to his old deceitful ways by claiming, for example, that Jewish extremists gave help to the terrorists; or that Hamas does not operate out of Gaza, only in Israeli-controlled territory.

The leverage provided by the q closure of the territories, the campaign against terror, and the suspension of talks with the Palestinians have caused an awak- ...... ening in the PA.

On the other hand, a renewal of the starts with Damas dis the instructional to condemn terror could encourage Arafat to adopt Syria's example: exploiting others' terrorism for his own political aims.

This is the most important lesson. to be learned from Wednesday's

The writer, a veteran journalist, '1 comments on current affairs.

# The end result: Oslo or Bosnia?

ven his political enemies might have spared a pang of dempathy for Shimon Peres last Monday night when his strained face on television reflected the magnitude of the pressures imploding upon him after four successive suicide bombings.

With his vision of a new Middle East threatening to become parody, it fell upon Peres simultaneously to seek a way to stop the bombings, keep the seemingly discredited Oslo agreements afloat, squeeze Yasser Arafat without breaking him, address the public's anguish, and retain his fast-dwindling chances of getting elected in May.

Two nights later, his demeanor following the exposure of the Hamas cell responsible for the bombings was that of a man who had squared the circle.

The testing of Shimon Peres in the current crisis has produced one of the veteran statesman's finest hours. He neither succumbed to the urgings to "give it to them" - that is, pound the Palestinians in vengeance - nor sought refuge in a national unity government. He opted instead for a strong but nuanced response that, for the moment at least, appears to be achieving its objectives.

The closure order confining the 1.2 million Arabs on the West Bank to their towns and villages

### **ABRAHAM RABINOVICH**

was a blunt reminder to Palestinians hanging out bunting for a state-in-the-making that they are a long way from independence, and that they will not get there while Israelis are being blown up.

Peres refrained from ordering

the military into the Palestine Authority's bailiwick, which would have put the peace process

ALTHOUGH most Palestinians support the peace process, they have responded to attacks on their former occupiers with equanimity, if not satistaction. The spate of suicide bomb-

ings may now have changed that. Those Palestinians not moved by the horror itself have been made aware by Israel's forceful response that it will no longer per-

In the end Israel and the Palestinians will have to bite the bullet and balance the peace equation

in limbo. However, he left little reason to doubt that such action would be taken if necessary. The pressure on Arafat to root out the Hamas bombers was credible enough to force him to begin at last moving in that direction.

Despite the Israeli right's con-tention that the bombings have sunk Oslo, it seems likely that the Hamas kamikazes will end up strengthening the peace process, much as Yigal Amir did. (A passing image: the Hamas bomb organizer arrested last week and Amir debating theology in the same cell for the rest of their lives.)

mit the Palestinians to march singing into their future while bombs go off in Israel.

Arafat and Hamas itself are coming to grips with the fact that the rules of the game are changing and that Israel will not continue to engage in a peace process with a schizophrenic entity that talks of peace and sows death.

At the same time, it is Peres's aim to prop up the Palestinians with Arafat at their helm - until they are strong enough to form a cohesive society that can effectively police itself; also, a reasonably comfortable society that has something to lose. Those are prerequisites for stability.

Israel will in the end have to accept the Palestinians' desire for statehood, and the Palestinians will have to accept that Israel will not live alongside a state that spawes terror.

It is a simple equation, but one that has elicited, and may still elicit tortured searches for alterna-

The Six Day War shattered Arab dreams of destroying Israel. The intifada taught Israel that permaneut occupation of the territories was not viable. The options have narrowed almost to the point of a general recognition that there is no other reasonable solution but honorable coexistence.

Should Binyamin Netanyahu be elected, he will almost certainly end up doing what Shimon Peres would do - perhaps only after attempting some painful alternatives of his own - just as Menachem Begin, swallowing all his hardline rhetoric, grasped the nettle in Sinai.

Whoever heads the government, right or left, in Israel or Palestine, the choice is clear: It's either Oslo or Bosnia.

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## POSTSCRIPT

HERLINDA ESTRADA signed her hasband's death certificate and joined other grieving family members in a hospital. Then her husband walked in.

Jose Estrada didn't wake from the dead, but his return seemed just as miraculous after a series of coincidences.

Since he turned up safe and sound, the Baytown, Texas, couple's 29-year marriage has never seemed sweeter.

"You begin to understand just how important the people in your life really are and how much you would miss them if they were gone," Estrada said.

The mix-up began when Estrada, 48, went for a run on a pital.

jogging trail. He parked his pickup truck in a lot near the trail and started on his run.

What he didn't know was that paramedics had just left the area with a heart-attack victim about his age who had collapsed and died along the same trail. The dead man carried no ID, leaving only a set of General Motors keys

as a cine to his identity. A sheriff's deputy decided to see if the man's keys fit any of the GM vehicles in the parking lot. Against all odds, they fit Estrada's truck.

The deputy contacted Mrs. Estrada and broke the news, asking her to identify the body at a hos-

"They took me into the room to identify Jose, and all I could see was this swollen, pale body under a sheet on the bed," Mrs. Estrada said. "There was a tube in the man's mouth, and tape over his mouth and eyes, so I couldn't really see his face."

She held the dead man's hand and it felt like Estrada's. Then she saw that the clothes the man was wearing looked like her husband's.

"I thought, This must be Jose," she said. "You're in such a state of shock, anyway, you're

not thinking straight." Mrs. Estrada then signed the death certificate and joined other

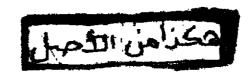
grieving members of her family in a hospital waiting room,

Jose Estrada, meanwhile, finished his jog and picked up some ? groceries on the way home. While putting away the groceries, his wife's boss called.

"She [the boss] said, 'Jose! ! You're not dead. Someone called : and said you'd had a heart attack . " and died! But you're not dead!"" Estrada recalled.

Estrada raced to the hospital for a happy reunion.

"After I stopped hugging him 1 and laughing, I started crying," Mrs. Estrada said. "And I told : him, 'If you ever die on me again, I'll kill you myself.' "





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# It all depends on us

The scenes after the recent murderous attacks resembled a nightmare. Nevertheless, it is this reality and not the dream of "the New Middle East" that today dictates the rules of the

Even the super-summit of Sharm e-Sheikh cannot change these rules.

Among our government leaders, it is as if all those who have been lulling us with droning speeches and rosy delusions have suddenly discovered that the reality and the dream are not one and

It is certainly easy to criticize the government. For me especially so, since I am one of the founding members of Peace Watch, which monitors daily Palestinian adherence to the Oslo accords. Numerous times our organiza-

tion - which is comprised of members from all shades of the Israeli political spectrum - reported that the Palestinians were completely ignoring the Oslo provisions; several times, US congressional committees issued: warnings based on these reports; and several times the visionaries of the new Middle East brushed off these warnings, claiming that only a legally elected government, not American Jews or the Israeli opposition, could determine whether Arafat was good or bad.

I could also criticize the govemment for another reason: As the only democratic country in the Middle East we needed to ensure that the extent of our concessions corresponds to the degree of democracy on the other side of the negotiating table.

This position too was mocked, the gist being: "You mean we must wait another 100 years?"

The fresh graves of our loved ones, not intellectual arguments, remind us of the consequences of blurring the boundaries between a totalitarian regime and a democ-

Yes, it is not difficult to criticize the government - but it alone is not at fault. If only the government were to blame, the solution would be simple: Either it mends its ways, or it is replaced. The elections are not far off. But the problem is far more complex.

The problem stems from ourselves, from a weariness and weakness that has been accumu-

THE media, printed and elec-

tronic, has a vital role to play in a modern democra-

cy. With regard to the political

judiciary, is supervisory and criti-

cal. In a sense, both the media and

the court heed no master other

than their own professional self-

But that is where the comparison

ends. This week, under the shad-

ow of the Hamas terror, Supreme

Court President Aharon Barak,

speaking at a ceremony for

installing new judges, emphasized that the role of the judiciary in a

time of crisis is to represent the

basic values of the nation, without

regard to popularity. The role of

the media, on the other hand, is

apparently to represent the tran-

sient mood of the nation, with a

The political role that the news-

casters have assumed is that of tri-

bune - defender of the people - or,

in the words of ITV's anchorman

Haim Yavin (Ha'aretz, March 11,

1996), to express something of

the emotions of our clients - the

This self-defined role is prob-

lematic in periods of tranquillity.

In times of crisis, it is a formula

As a leading authority. Prof.

Pnina Lahav, has pointed out, the

"self-images of the press are con-

tradictory. On the one hand, the

press is a political and commercial

organ in a market society. On the

other hand, the press is a neutral

and objective medium." These

contradictions are particularly crit-

The role of tribune of the people

is neutral, in the sense that it

favors neither left nor right.

However, it has an ideology all its

own - the ideology of arrogance.
The tribune of the people, as the

role is played on Israel TV, knows

not only the public's emotions, but

its thoughts as well. How this knowledge is acquired is a trade

secret. While TV newscasters have no better idea of what people think

and feel than do the rest of us, they

most certainly have a better

chance to make their perceptions

Thus, in the hours and days fol-

lowing the Dizengoff Center

bombing, we heard that the people

want a national unity government, that they want a full-time defense

minister, that they want immediate drastic military action, and so

forth. These determinations were

pronounced sometimes as fact,

preceding questions in interviews, and sometimes as queries, in a tone of voice which left no doubt

that the interviewer knew the

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process, its role, like that of the

NATAN SHARANSKY

lating for decades. From a human perspective it is very understandable: For how much more war, death and destruction can one

We could grapple with the sacrifice only so long as we had vision, purpose, and an under-standing of the context and the

significance of our presence here. But when the Zionist vision began to be replaced by the idea of becoming a "normal" nation, one "like any other," fatigue set in, along with the desire to find

### Only we can defeat the weariness that threatens to drain

our essence as Jews

any safe shore, no matter where. After all, how long can we continue to swim? Even more important - why should we continue? It is precisely this weariness

that bred in some politicians the illusion of a New Middle East, in which there is no room for a unique Jewish people with its unique Jewish history going back thousands of years; in which the Law of Return is replaced by a simple immigration law; in which the Ingathering of the Exiles is supplanted by a completely different idea - "the unified Semitic expanse.'

The government's weakness is merely a reflection of our own weakness, of our tiredness, our own loss of historical direction. And, as always at moments like these, there is the desire to escape to the deceptive world of delusions, to a life of conspicuous consumption, and a new world order that will bring happiness to all. Jew and non-Jew.

The participation of many Jews in the Russian Revolution and their desire to "bring light" to the entire world stemmed from weakness, despair and a wish to escape from the shtetl and be accepted in the world of "progressive human-

We know very well where that led for the Jews, and for the entire world. Now it is happening to us again - this time in our own land.

ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

tions was put to former premier

Yitzhak Shamir by Nitzan Chen

on Monday evening's Mabat:

Will the Sharm e-Sheikh confer-

ence save one soul in Israel, or

will it save some Knesset seats for

The arrogance of the tribune

does not end with the assumption

that the newscaster has an inside

track on the public's mood. The

more dangerous arrogance in the

role of the tribune is in its assump-

tion of a confrontational stance

with the powers that be. Since the

In its arrogance it

delegitimizes the

entire political

system

tribune is neutral, his debunking is

not limited to the government in

power, but extends to the opposi-

tion as well, which is treated

almost as though it were a govern-

This arrogance is dangerous.

because its effect is the delegiti-

mation of the political system as a

whole. It strikes at confidence in

government - not in this govern-

ment or the one that will succeed

it, but in the political process as

Surely the disrespect displayed

toward the prime minister by the

TV correspondent the night of the

Tel Aviv outrage was the playing

ment in exile.

the Labor Party?

Media's role as tr

After the triumphs of Zionism, after we succeeded in taking our fate into our own hands, we can see the Zionism of the "new Jew," divorced from his traditional Jewish roots, vanishing in front of our eyes, and replaced by post-Zionist fatigue.

HOW CAN we overcome this? And what will the unity of which we so often speak - without results - look like?

Are we talking about the momentary unity of the battlefield under fire, or rather between the enemy's living bombs? And beyond that? Is it the unity of bus travelers striving to reach the last stop at any price - or of people striving to ensure that this stop will not be the last?

The bombs in Tel Aviv. Ashkelon and Jerusalem did not blow up our country. They merely exploded our false dream about the new Middle East.

In the real Middle East, not where "faxes blur the borders," but in the place where we live, there is still a need for borders: for security borders, borders between democracy and antidemocracy, between "holy land," and land that is less holy.

But there are boundaries which are equally important, that limit the spiritual space in which we live. Because these limits depend on answers to the questions, "Who are we?" and "Where are we headed?"

There is no doubt that the government must act immediately, just as there is no doubt that its actions must be more aggressive. Nor is there any doubt that it must restore to the Jewish nation a feeling of sovereignty in its own land, sovereignty not bound by the good graces of any state, regime or dictator, even one that behaves amicably.

But to restore the emotional health of the nation and move forward, we - veteran Israelis and new immigrants (those already here, and those who still intend to come) - must strengthen our spiritual unity on the basis of our spiritual power, our history and our values.

The bottom line: It all depends

The writer is chairman of the Yisrael Ba'aliya movement.

out of a role, not simply boorish.

unmannerly conduct. And what

can be said of the decision to

switch the broadcast to a roving

reporter, with nothing particular to

report, in the middle of the prime

minister's press conference?

The confrontational model of

the tribune is easily adapted to a

form of courtroom cross-examina-

tion. This fits into a journalistic

tradition that spans Hecht and

MacArthur's The Front Page and

Woodward and Bernstein in

Dayan, a highly gifted young

jurist. Whether the style of inves-

tigative journalism has any place

in an interview with the chief of

general staff in the midst of a

major national emergency is

another matter. In any event, a

prosecutor who examined a wit-

ness the way Dayan examined Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak

would be told to stop badgering

Dayan goes after her subject with

the fury of a female rottweiler. This

has unfortunate consequences for

her TV image. The brilliant jurist

gets lost. What comes across on the

Israel's political leaders should

take a lesson from Rafael Eitan.

Faced with an impossible situation

on ITV's impossible talk show

Popolitica, he simply got up.

removed the microphone, and

The writer is a legal and politi-

It naturally appeals to Ilana

Worse was to come.

Watergate.

the witness.

screen is the bitch.

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# A process that mocks justice

**ESTHER WACHSMAN** 

e were the model Israeli family.
Two young students at

the Hebrew University in Jerusalem - one American, one Israeli - both children of survivors of the ovens of Europe. met and married in 1970. We set up house in Jerusalem.

had seven sons, worked hard to buy our own home and believed that this was the place to raise proud, strong, believing Jewish children. In October 1994, after be

kidnapped and held hostage for six days by Hamas terrorists, our third son Nachshon was brutally murdered. The entire world held its

breath that week beginning October 9. Jew and non-Jew alike prayed for Nachshon's safety and release. Governments around the world

intervened; 17,000 people from all corners of the earth sent us letters.

We supported the peace process. My husband Yehuda was present at the signing of the peace treaty with Jordan, just days after our seven-day period of mourning ended. We sat in the Knesset that same October, as President Clinton addressed our countrymen, and our family personally.

We yearn for peace - indeed, we pray for peace three times a day, every day of our lives. Yet terror remains a part of our lives. Our children go to school each morning, and we don't know if they will come home safely.

The man who masterminded our son's kidnapping walks the streets of Gaza freely - indeed he was a member of a negotiating team with the Palestinian Authority who met with the approval of our government.

This is an obscenity, a mockery, and a travesty of justice. It is a distortion of the concept of peace. When terrorists who wantonly spill innocent Jewish

blood are turned into heroes and leaders of the new Palestinian entity, this is not a peace process I can continue to support.

ror are called victims of peace. "Settlers," once known as pioneers, have been labeled "a cancer in our midst." Rabbis have been called "ayatollahs," and religious Jews referred to as Khomeini element. Terrorists are often termed "freedom fighters," and Israel,

kill Jews - any Jew, anywhere, at any time. This is their ideology. They are

committing crimes against Our very language has humanity, and we believe that become warped. Victims of sers: 'they, and their commanders and supporters, must be hunted down as zealously as we have hunted down Nazi war criminals.

Jewish blood must be seen to have value. Is it conceivable that in our own independent Jewish state we should still be hostage to our enemies' lust for Jewish in Yasser Arafat's words, is blood?

Despite our own personal pain we continue to believe in peace - but not in a race toward national suicide

"Occupied Palestine."

Our prime minister has declared a war against terror. War means going after the people responsible for attacking us. Shimon Peres has stated that anyone who collaborates with, encourages, or assists terrorists is himself a terrorist.

We know the names and addresses of Moslem spiritual leaders who encourage young men to go out on suicide missions.

They are the cancer in our midst, and this cancer cannot be treated with painkillers or radiation. It must be rooted out.

THE TERM "crimes against humanity" was coined after World War II, and the Nuremberg trials sentenced the perpetrators of such crimes to death.

Our people have been hunting Nazis for 50 years - yet we stand helpless in face of the Nazis here in our midst, those whose proclaimed agenda is to

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It is inconceivable that we should sit and talk peace with a partner who has not even, to date, revoked the Palestinian Covenant, which calls for the

destruction of our people.

No normal, self-respecting country would agree to enter peace talks - more than that, to surrender land and implement other terms of peace accords while the other side still holds to a covenant that calls for its destruction, and fails to disarm hordes of supporters of terror. despite commitments under those same accords.

While peace is our ultimate goal, it cannot be a one-sided

where we would be left with some kind of peace - but no country and no people. You don't sit and discuss peace while bombs are exploding over your head.

race toward national suicide,

The statement about fighting terror as if there were no peace process and continuing to pursue peace as if there were no terror is an oxymoron. It is totally unacceptable. We are fighting for our lives as a people, for our survival.

What has become of us, that model Israeli family? What has become of my dream for the

future of my children? One of my sons will never reach adulthood. Will the others share my dream of living as proud, strong, free and believing

Jews, safe in their land? -I can say sincerely and unequivocally that despite our own personal pain and anguish.

we shall never give up hope.

Our people have overcome unspeakable horrors. Through our deep faith in our right to live in this God-given land, we shall

overcome this black period in our history as well. Our enemies must be made to understand that we are here to stay forever - hopefully in peace; but, if necessary, by war. Never again will we surrender

our country and go into exile.

The writer is the mother of Nachshon Wachsman, slain by Hamas terrorists on October 14.

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# Forbes abandons: Republican race

WASHINGTON (AP) - Steve Forbes has decided to abandon the Republican presidential race, campaign and Republican sources said. Forbes planned an announcement vesterday evening in Washington, they said.

The decision came the day after the millionaire publisher was trounced by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole in the seven "Super Tuesday" primaries.

Forbes had vowed earlier to stay in the race through next Tuesday's Midwestern primaries.

But after spending much of the day closeted in a Washington hotel room with advisers, Forbes accepted their judgment that the chances for a victory in Illinois, Ohio, Michigan or Wisconsin were bleak, given Dole's big

Dole's 20th consecutive primary victory and his surge through "Super Tuesday" virtually guaranteed him the Republican party's presidential nomination.

Dole's other Republican opponent, Pat Buchanan, said he will fight it out to the finish and isn't 'looking for any deal' with Dole in exchange for stepping aside.

"Why give up a battle of ideas simply because you're behind in delegates?" Buchanan asked on NBC television. "Bob Dole has no ideas, no agenda, no vision."

Meanwhile, President Clinton clinched his Democratic nomination by topping the required majority of delegates with results from Hawaii party caucuses. The milestone came even before Clinton has formally announced his

Dole, for his part, has started

- make it easier for lingering rivals to give up the battle by promising to heed their messages and their constituencies.

"We've listened and we've heard strong messages," the Senate majority leader said in an interview, acknowledging Forbes' theme of economic growth and Buchanan's concern for the economic anxiety of working

"It is time to come together now and put our ideas together and build a strong agenda for November," Dole said. His rivals' withdrawals would take from the airwaves a stream of anti-Dole messages and unite the party be-

Dole won solid majorities in all seven states that voted Tuesday except Louisiana, where his margin was 47 percent to Buchanan's 33 percent and Forbes' 13 percent. Dole won by 57 percent in Florida, a battleground state in

Forbes finished third or worse everywhere but Florida, where he was winning 20 percent to Buchanan's 18 percent. In Tennessee, Forbes even trailed former governor Lamar Alexander, who dropped out last week.

The next round of primaries occurs Tuesday in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin.

With Dole now almost assured the nomination, the fall battle begins at once. What makes it unusual is that both the incumbent and his challenger have the power to use the machinery of gov-ernment to affect their political

# S. African soldier: Bad intelligence caused massacre

DURBAN (Reuter) - Bad intel- apartheid-ruled South Africa's ligence was to blame for the military to sustain white rule. death-squad massacre of 13 people, five of them children, in an operation intended to strike at opponents of white rule, a South African court was told yesterday.

"It was an unfortunate fiasco. It was an operation which went wrong," soldier Johan Opperman told the Durban Supreme Court, where former defense minister Magnus Malan and 19 others stand accused of the 1987 massaere in KwaZulu-Natal province.

Opperman said be believed black activists would be present sanctioned as an operation by

"The intelligence I received indicated that only Victor Ntuli would be there-on that night and that there would be a United Democratic Front (UDF) meeting before," Opperman told the first trial of apartheid-era leaders.

conceded his personal definition of a target was so wide that even children could fall within it.

"If a primary school child had received training, yes he would've been a target. A child with an AK-47 is just as dangerat the house when the "hit" was ous as someone who has left

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### YIZHAK ISAAC ERDYNAST

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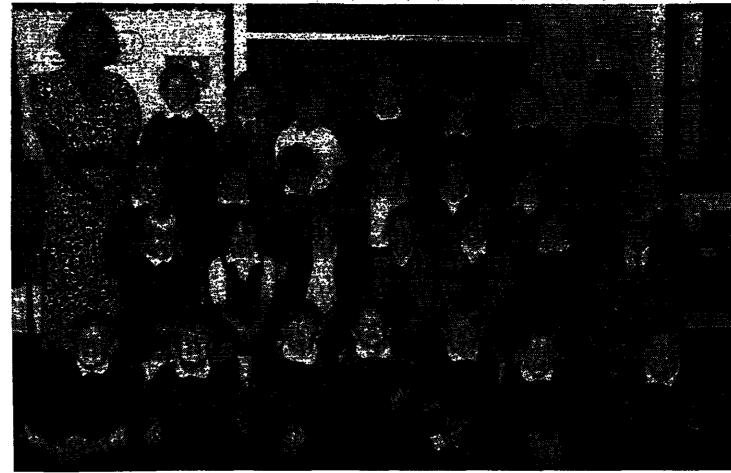
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### SAMUEL FRADEN

beloved husband of Sarah passed away on March 11, 1996 "For there the Lord commanded the blessing, life for evermore."

Sarah Fraden-Lieberman



Teacher Gwen Mayor pictured with her class of five and six-year-old pupils.

# Britain grieves for slain children

DUNBLANE, Scotland

A HEADMASTER told yesterday of the "absolute hell" he found in the gymnasium of a school where 16 of his pupils lying dead or dying on the floor.

"I am deeply, deeply shocked and I still cannot believe it happened," said Ron Taylor, headmaster of Dunblane Primary School in central Scotland. "What I saw in that gymnasium is a sight I will never ever forget."

Britain was in mourning as the survivors tried to piece together exactly how Thomas Hamilton, a disgraced former Scout master obsessed with young boys and guns, walked into the school and fired on 28 youngsters starting a physical education lesson. The smiles of the 28 posing for

their first school picture shone out across newspaper front pages yesterday. The effect was more heart-wrenching than any report on the evening news that 16 of them had been killed.

"Politics is silent today. We grieve. We hope that this dark shadow can, in time, be lifted," Labor Party leader Tony Blair

said during a subdued prime minister's question time in the House of Commons.

"What happened yesterday cannot be understood, must not be forgotten," Prime Minister John Major said. The government announced

that Oneen Elizabeth II and Princess Anne would visit the town Monday, and that a senior Scottish judge had been appointed to conduct an official inquiry into all aspects of the tragedy. The shooting was the worst in

British history. Police said former youth worker Hamilton walked through the school's front entrance just after 9:30 a.m., armed with four handguns. He headed through the dining room, past the assembly hall and into the gym. There, he opened fire and

killed 11 girls and five boys, all aged 5 and 6, and their teacher Gwenne Mayor, 45. Twelve tith read May God take better eare ers were wounded several badly, of you than this world ever can." ers were wounded, several badly, of you than this world ever can." including a 5-year-old boy who Everyone knows at least one

was shot three times. Only one pupil in the room was not shot.

'There were little bodies in piles dotted around the room and items of children's clothing like shoes ... around the floor," said the first ambulance man to reach Dunblane Primary School.

"The strange thing ... was the virtual silence that we encountered as we walked in. Children were just sitting there in total shock with bullet wounds to their limbs and bodies, unable to cry out or speak," John McEwen told The Sun newspaper.

Residents of this close-knit, bucolic town at the edge of the Scottish Highlands placed flowers, cards, teddy bears and other toys on the sidewalk outside the school, where frightened parents had waited to find out if their children were among the dead.

One card with the flowers

family who's involved." said Moira Pope. Five-year-old John Petrie, who lived next door, was among the dead.

Dr. Kathryn Morton, on the staff of Stirling Royal Infirmary where many of the wounded were treated, learned that her 5-yearold daughter Emily was among the dead, said Dr. Jack Beattie. Authorities said the 700-pupil

school would be closed this week. The ambulance man said it appeared that Mayor had tried to shield the children from the bullets. "She was directly in front of a group of children who were all beyond hope," McEwen said, who called the scene a "medieval

vision of heli." "One boy of about five was sitting on the floor looking confused and shocked pointing at a bullet hole in his arm," he was quoted as saying. "He obviously couldn't grasp what had happened and was so shocked he couldn't cry. His arm was hanging limp and useless at his side and he looked up at me as if he was pleading for an explanation."

# **Terrorist** attack kills 7 in Bahrain

SITRA, Bahrain (AP) - In the most savage attack to date on this low-crime Gulf island, seven Bangladeshis were killed yesterday in an arson fire at an Asian restaurant in an impoverished Shiite Moslem village that is a hotbed of anti-government opposition.

Only hours earlier, another arson fire destroyed the inside of a restaurant frequented by Europeans on the western edge of Manama, the Bahraini capital.

No casualties were reported in the attack on Robert's, a hangout for Western expatriates, near Sanabis, another Shiite village where opposition groups are

No arrests were made in Wednesday's and yesterday's attacks, which marked an escalation in the violence in this central

Gulf island. Bahrain, a financial center and home to a major US naval base in the Gulf, has been wracked by political unrest in recent months as Shiite opposition groups staged protests and security forces cracked down, arresting

The latest arson was near-identical in execution in both cases, according to witnesses and gov-

At about 6 a.m. five masked people poured gasoline at the entrance to a Bangladeshi restaurant in Sitra just southeast of Manama, authorities said, citing witness accounts.

Then the arsonists threw Molotoy cocktails into the restaurant, starting a blaze that surged through the one-floor structure and gutted it.

A Bangladeshi Embassy official said all seven were Bangladeshi workers.

Bahraini Shiites resent the presence of foreign expatriates from the Indian Subcontinent, accusing them of taking jobs away from them. Some also accuse them; of working as police 1.

# Croatians talk federation in Sarajevo

Taiwan's president visits islands

near Chinese military exercises

Wearing a tan windbreaker

and sneakers, the 73-year-old

Lee appealed for unity and re-

minded the islanders of his efforts

nese Communists dare not do -

political liberalization, freedom

and democracy," he said. "They

see freedom and democracy and

China accuses Lee, head of a

Nationalist government that fled

to Taiwan in 1949 after losing a

civil war to Mao Tse-tung's Com-

munists, of discarding their

The war games started Tues-

day, and have pushed tensions

between the two sides to their

worst since the late 1950s, when

Taiwan traded artillery barrages

with China from islands near the

Schoolchildren held annual air

raid drills yesterday at some Tai-

wanese primary schools, timed to

coincide with China's eight days

of missile tests near Taiwan.

mainland coast.

shared doctrine of reunification.

they are scared to death."

"These are the things the Chi-

to democratize Taiwan politics.

SARAJEVO (Reuter) - Top Croatian officials visited Sarajevo yesterday for talks on shoring up Bosnia's Moslem-Croat Federation, crumbling cornerstone of the Dayton peace plan.

Croatian Foreign Minister Mate Granic and Prime Minister Zlatko Matesa arrived amid rising political tensions reflected in disputes like one which has erupted over the color of uniforms Croat police will wear in the mixed Croat-Moslem force patrolling former Serb suburbs of Sarajevo.

Bosnia's Moslem acting President Ejup Ganic yesterday played down the gravity of the rift. "I wouldn't call it a political crisis. What we have to do is have one kind of police, one kind of uniform, in each canton (of the federation)."

NATO peacekeepers showed impatience with such apparently trivial disputes.

"The success of the peace agreement depends entirely on the cohesion of the federation and at the moment the parties appear to be making few substantive efforts to make it work," Major Simon Haselock, a spokesman for the NATO-led Implementation Force, said vesterday.

The former Serb suburb of Ilidza, whose takeover by the federation triggered an anarchic spasm of looting and arson by departing Serbs followed by looting and intimidation by incoming Moslem gangs, was calmer but still tense yesterday.

UN police were still receiving calls for help from the few Serbs left in the area, now being terrorized by the newcomers after earlier braving threats from

TAIPEI (AP) - Amid signs Chi-

na may be spreading its war

games to a new area, Taiwan's

president flew to islands near the

military exercises yesterday and

said Chinese leaders are "scared

to death" of Taiwanese

Chinese warplanes held a third

day of mock attacks southwest of

Taiwan, and also conducted

"preliminary exercises" near

Fuzhou, a Chinese coastal city

210 km to the north, Taiwan's

Taiwan had warned that China

may be planning even bigger ex-

ercises before the island's presi-

dential election March 23 in an

attempt to discourage the island

President Lee Teng-hui, who is

running for another term, was

smiling and looked relaxed as he

addressed a crowd in the Pesca-

dores archipelago, about 70 km

from where Chinese ships and

planes were staging mock

from declaring independence.

Defense Ministry reported.

Serb separatists to stay on in the first place, police spokesman Alexander Ivanko said. In the inner-city district of Grbavica, the last area

still in Serb hands and due to be handed over on March 19, there were fires overnight and IFOR troops had to defend a warehouse of the UN refugee agency UNHCR from looters. Serbs ceremonially carried away the wooden cross

and bell from a makeshift orthodox church, set up in a former fish shop in Grbavica, yesterday, and took it towards territory due to stay in Serb hands under the Dayton agreement. "This is the end, the symbolic end, of Grbavica,"

said a Serb woman who said whe had lived there for 34 years and was about to flee, like most other Tens of thousands of Serb refugees from Sarajevo

have been directed by Serb authorities to areas of eastern Bosnia emptied of Moslems and Croats by Serb "ethnic cleansing" early in the 3 1/2 year Bosni-

The Bosnian Serb news agency said yesterday 3,900 Serbs had been resettled in Broko, a town in a sensitive, still disputed corridor of Serb territory in northeast Bosnia, and more were expected from

International officials have warned that the resettling of Serbs in such towns, often in the former homes of Moslems and Croats, will make it impossible to fulfil the Dayton pact's goal of allowing refu-

China test-fired three missiles

Friday and a fourth on Wednes-

day. There were no reports of

missiles fired vesterday, a day be-

fore the launches were due to

At the Nanmen School in cen-

tral Taipei, children were led to a

ground-floor corridor and shown

how to crouch and cover their

faces. Schools that have bomb shelters are using them in prac-

tices. Despite reassurances the

government can repel any Chi-

nese attack, many Taiwanese

have been hoarding food and

buying US dollars to move their

Up to \$4 billion has left Tai-

wan, Central Bank governor

Shou Yuan-dong said in a televi-

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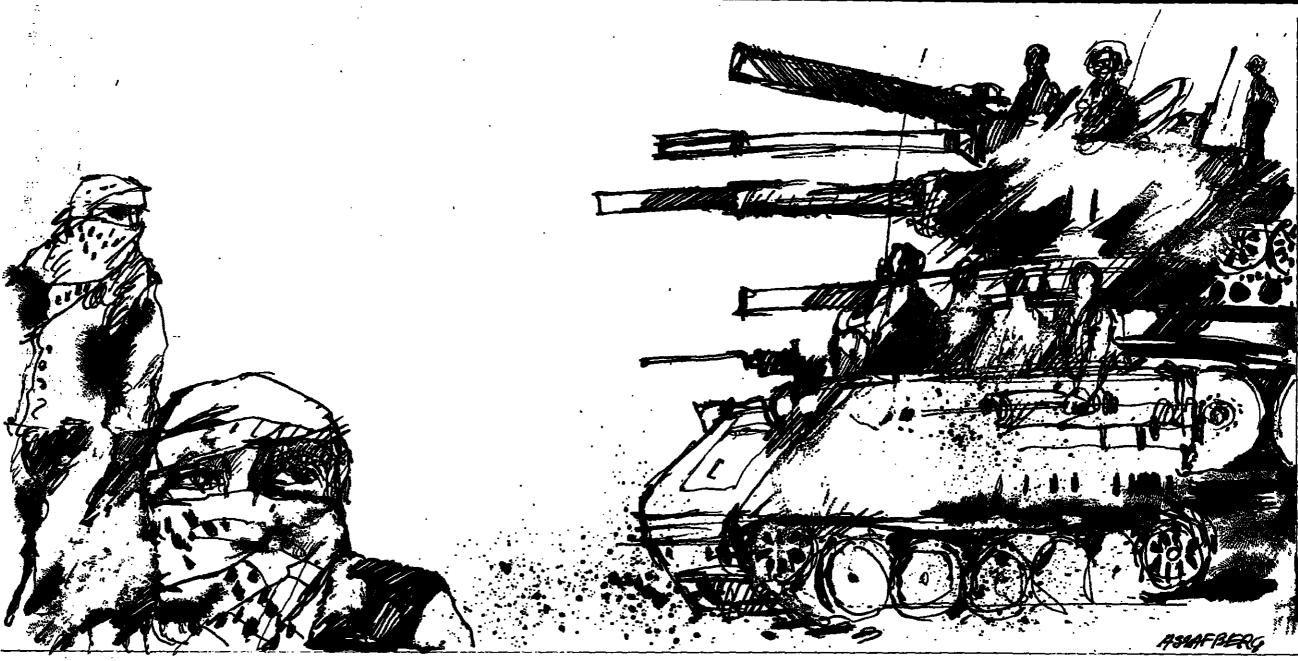
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Friday, March 15, 1996



# The war against Hamas: How far can we go?

recent suicide bombings ... After the Dizengoff attack, for-

Outside the heavily guarded Ministry of Defense in Tel Aviv. just hours after the Dizengoff suicide bombing, a seething crowd demonstrated and shouted "We want war!" and "We want revenge!" At least one placard advocated "The Final Solution" for Hamas.

Inside, Prime Minister Shimon Peres declared an "all-out war" against Hamas and Islamic Jihad. terrorists and announced the formation of an anti-terrorism task force to be headed by the newlyappointed head of the General Security Service, Ami Ayalon, with sweeping powers to consolidate Israel's response.

But how can an open, civilized nation such as Israel grapple with the dilemma posed by terrorists who place little value on their own lives and won't play by our rules? How far can the country let this war take it without bending the rules of the democratic society which the IDF purports to reflect? If the country's leaders have declared a war, then are they going

to unleash the might of the IDF war machine? "If you use your imagination," said one senior officer, "anything is possible; from tellers for the said one senior officer, "anything is possible; from tellers for the said of the said camps with artillery fire to napalming the countryside. The

only thing bolding us back is our decision to abide by a peace agree-

FIER the carnage of the ment. That, and our consciences.

There were those who want --- mer defense minister Ariel Sharon ed to see columns of tanks rolling: called for Israel to take back coninto Gaza and battalions of crack trol of the territories handed over infantry units blowing up Arab to the Palestinians and to deport houses, with or without the terror- the extended families of the sui-Mordechai, a former major-general and current Likud candidate for the Knesset, went further, saying that refugee camps should be sealed off.

There was even talk of evacuating and bulldozing whole villages which supported Hamas terrorists. In their declaration of war against the Islamic militants,

Israeli leaders and senior generals hinted that military action would have no bounds. "Militarily there is no problem

in returning to Gaza, to bomb it from the air, rain artillery on it. But there is a limit even in a declared war," said one senior field commander.

"If we came upon a house where a terrorist is hiding we would have no problem wiping it out with a missile," said another top officer. "But we won't shell refugee camps. We won't erase villages. The army hasn't done that for 45 years. Even in war, the IDF can't put its humanity aside."

BUT FOR the moment. Israel, with the Middle East's most advanced military - and some of its most sophisticated intelligence ~ gadgets, seems powerless, frustrated and impotent to stop Islamic fundamentalist terror.

Those responsible for combating Hamas terrorists say their efforts have been thwarted because the The peace agreement, political considerations and basic Jewish values limit the military options, reports Defense Correspondent Arieh O'Sullivan

intelligence-gathering capability was gutted after Israel handed Gaza and Palestinian areas of Judea and Samaria over to the

ln what would better be described as a police action, the army has so far responded by rounding up some low-level Hamas figures and hauling in a few weapons and some inflammatory material. And mosques are no longer off-limits to military

Furthermore, for the first time since the intifada waned in 1993, the army has blown up the home of at least one suspected terrorist and sealed the homes of nine others and their families. It intends to blow them up too, but is waiting for the High Court of Justice to clear the way after the resident families petitioned against the

demolitions. "We cannot go beyond the law," said OC Central Command Maj. Gen. Ilan Biran. "But on the other hand, Israel has the ability to make the laws," he said, implying that the decision on the method of combating terrorism lies at the government's feet.

Biran and other senior officers have hinted that Israel's long security arm may also tap the shoulders of terrorists in the PLO-run areas and abroad.

So far, the government has sealed the territories under Palestinian control and pressured PLO chief Yasser Arafat to hunt down and destroy the Hamas military wing. Izzadin Kassam. But a major action, no matter how limited, would severely undermine Arafat's rule and credibility. And Israel knows there is no substitute for Arafat.

BRIG.-GEN. Ya'acov Amidror, the head of IDF military intelligence's assessment division, told the Knesset's Defense and Foreign Relations Committee this week that Yasser Arafat was strong enough, had enough public sup-port and the intelligence material to virtually eliminate Islamic Jihad and seriously cripple Izzadin Kassam. "[Arafat] doesn't see himself helping Israel beyond thwarting attacks. A bloodbath in Palestinian society is worse in his eyes than terror in Israel." he said.

Nevertheless, Amidror said, Israel politically must tread lightly and refrain from actions which could unseat Arafat: "In the current circumstances, there are no

"For much less than these nurri- a relative of the temptists who." ble terrorist bombings we, in the

other partners. If that alliance collapses, there will be utter chaos." But Yigal Carmon, a former adviser to the prime minister on counterterrorism, said that IDF action against terrorists in the Palestinian areas is essential to curb terror, even if it means clash-

es with the PLO police. For now, field commanders say their soldiers are chomping at the bit. They can't wait to be sent on a military operation against an enemy that hits them where it hurts most - at home. "Nothing would make them happier than action," said one officer.

As for the 30,000 armed Palestinian police, another senior officer dismissed them with bravado: "They will be taken care of and removed from the picture."

Most officers, however, agree that the likely military response in this full-scale war against Islamic fundamentalist terror will be pinpoint operations, possibly in Palestinian-ruled areas in the Gaza Strip and Judea and Samaria, and perhaps in neighboring countries. Likud MK Eliahu Ben-Elissar, a former chairman of the Foreign

Relations and Defense Committee, said Israel had struck at its enemies abroad in the past

and should not let anything, including peace agreements, bind its hands now. as hostages in Beirm in October: 1985, Russian agents apprehended

belonged to the Islamic Liberation past, were ready to penetrate into Organization, a coalition of foreign countries, like Syria and extremist Moslem clergymen. and the then-Jordanian They castrated the relative and occupied Judea and Samaria, and sent him home with a warning to the Egyptian-ruled Gaza Strip," he said. "So today, can Jericho or release the Soviets immediately. They did. Gaza or Ramallah serve as a shel-This sort of barbarism, Ben-

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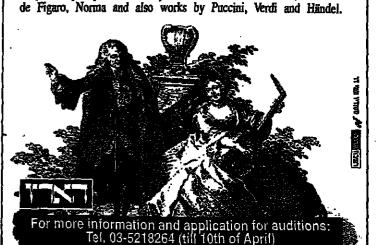
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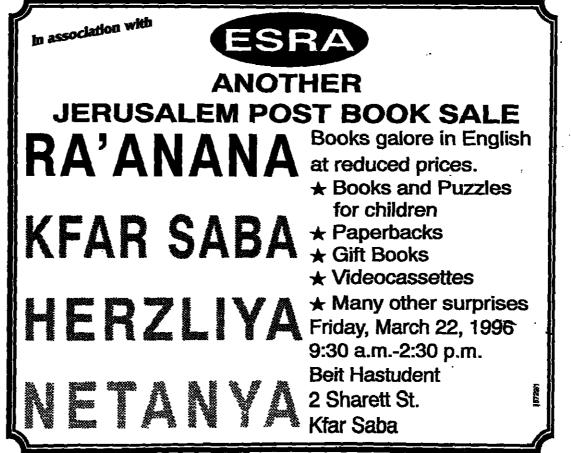
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The PA is doing the most against terror, Nabil Shaath tells Michael Widlanski in Sharm e-Sheikh

TERROR has raised its ugly head, and the Palestinian Authority (PA) is doing "more than it can" to stop it which is more than can be said for Israel, the US and Iran, according to PA planning minister Nabil

In an interview Wednesday outside the Sharm e-Sheikh summit headquarters, Shaath not only defended the PA but assailed Israel for not stopping terror and imposing collective punishment on the Palestinians.

"If you fight the people who are fighting terror, then you are in trouble," said Shaath, asserting that Israel was doing itself a dis-service by attacking the PA and

The PA is doing more than any government can do to stop terror," said Shaath, the jocular adviser to PLO leader Yasser Arafat and the man who handled much of the negotiations between Israel and

the PLO.
"You can't catch a suicide bomber, but we are catching the people who send the bombers," he

Shaath had no comment when asked about a statement on the PA's Voice of Palestine (VOP) last May 5 by PA Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein justifying the

retention of weapons by members of Hamas, responsible for four recent bomb attacks that killed 60

He broke his silence, however, when asked whether VOP radio broadcasts and PBC (Palestinian Broadcast Corporation) commentaries urging the immediate estab-lishment of a Palestinian state "as the only solution to terror" were attempts by the PA to exploit the Hamas attacks. This is a baseless Israeli

charge. It is not fair," he said.

Asked about VOP's opening broadcasts on February 28 in which it said Izzadin Kassam denied any connection to the

attacks in Jerusalem and Ashkelon, and also asserted, quoting "official sources," the bombings were the work of Moledet MK Rehavam Ze evi "and the Israeli extreme right-wing organization Eyal," his response was

fierce.
"This is all based on the selective collection of texts and quotes," said Shaath.

Shaath was also asked if the PA was really doing anything to capture and try leading Hamas planners such as Mohammed Deif, who according to Israeli intelligence met several times in recent months with PA Gaza



Nabil Shaath: 'The PA is doing more than any government can do to stop terror.'

security chief Mohammed Dahlan.

"The Israelis had many months to capture Deif, and did they succeed in doing it?" he answered. Regarding PA efforts to stop

transfer of arms and money to Hamas and Islamic Jihad, Shaath said, "We all have to do more - all the world's countries - to stop

money from reaching Hamas. For example, the United States. Half the money that comes to Hamas is from the United States.

The PA minister said Iran was a great force behind Islamic terror. but brushed aside the notion that Syria, which allows Hamas and Jihad offices in Damascus, could do more to stop terrorism.

Both Shaath and Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), a member of the PLO executive committee. said they were pleased with the summit, but indicated they would only be sure once they could see "fruit" for the Palestinians - increased aid and tangible an end the closure of the territo-

Foreign students stand firm

# Fear-vs-commitment dilemma hits Israel student programs

N the aftermath of the recent terror attacks, in which two American youths were prominent among the victims, travel plans seem to be the new litmus test of devotion to Israel. Fear and parental pressure vie against Israel in a complicated, emotional equation.

A number of students at the Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University and the Jerusalem program of the Jewish Theological Seminary have returned to the States, while others are debating whether they will study overseas next year.

"A rabbinical student in our class was killed, so it's much closer to home," said Mitchel Malkus of Chicago. He was referring to Matthew Eisenfeld, a fellow second-year rabbinical student at the seminary's Jerusalem campus who was among the casualties of hombing Off the Jerusalê February 25. "On the other hand, we are strong supporters of Israel, and in leaving a lot of us feel we would be abandoning Israel.

"We are going to be leaders of the Jewish community. If I am going to speak authoritatively

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At the seminary's main campus in New York, first-year rabbinical student Ben Begleiter has not yet

"I very much want to be in Israel next year, but I cannot do that without a sense of safety," said. Begleiter, 24. "Thield to plan as if" I am going, thinking there's always

come right back." His parents are leaving the decision up to him. "They are probably no more concerned about Israel than the fact that I am studying in New York," said Begleiter, of Kansas City. "I'm living a block

from a pulpit about the value of aliya, well. I couldn't do that so

decided if he will join his class, which is scheduled to study in

away from Harlem." At the seminary and other institutions, teachers and officials stress that those youths who return to or stay in the US should not feel ashamed. They echoed the senti-

well if I came home [because of the terror]." Malkus said.

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ment of Rabbi William Lebeau, dean of the seminary's rabbinical school, who said: "Those who

leave [Israel] are no less brave and no less committed to Israel." But that message doesn't seem to be filtering down to many youths. Some students say they hesitate to express their anxiety for fear their friends will think less of them, even while they

question how their apprehension

affects their commitment to Israel.
When everyone is standing in the hall acting so tough and saying. 'now we must go,' I stand there and don't say anything," said one young woman at a New Jersey Orthodox school who refused to be identified. "You think I'm really going to say I'd rather go to college here and be safe? I am sure a lot of them feel like me, but who's

ON THE other hand, the terror incidents have fortified the intentions of Hillel Moskovits, a senior at the Frisch School in Paramus, New Jersey, which has lost two graduates - Sara Duker, class of 1991, and Alisa Flatow, class of 1992 - to terror attacks in Israel in

the past year. Moskovits was originally singleminded. He was simply planning to study next year at Bar-Ilan University. Now, however, he has a dual purpose: to study and to send a message of support. "Not going sends a negative message," he said.

At offices servicing Israel academic and summer programs, organizers say it is too soon to tell what the impact of the terror attacks will be. These programs are currently entering the height of the registration season.

There's no question there will be fewer people who want to go. said Micha Drori, of the Student and University Department of the World Zionist Organization in New York.

The decline will be hard to measure, because there is no way to calculate those people who decide against making the initial call for information. For example, Monday is usually a busy day for the tollfree hotline for Israel summer programs. The day of the Tel Aviv bombing, no one called, Drori said. It's a time of anxiety and soul-searching for many who facilitate Israel study programs and who encourage parents to send their

children to Israel. "I've had a pit in my stomach all week," said Jennifer Ely, assistant dean for overseas programs at Brandeis University.

This appears to be especially true for congregational rabbis, who promote Israel programs, then make arrangements for s numbers of youths with whom they have personal relationships. Only a few weeks ago, Carol

Davidson, the rabbi of the Beacon Hebrew Alliance in Beacon, New York, was delighted because a 15-year-old girl who had not expressed any interest in Jewish programs was suddenly excited about spending a high-school semester in Israel next year. But since the terror attacks, Davidson said, "It's nerve-racking. I feel an incredible sense of responsibility.

"Granted, I could take a synagogue group to Ellis Island and we could all fall into the river and drown. It could happen, but..., she said, her voice trailing off.

"This student still wants to go to Israel. And I'd still say 'go.' But do I feel differently about it? Yes."

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THE recent terrorist attacks have increased the determination of some foreign students to be here.

"Every incident like this causes me on the one hand to cry, and on the other hand to decide that I belong in Israel," Sara Stress, a youth-movement member in Los Angeles, wrote to the local Jewish Agency emissary the day after the Tel Aviv bombing.

There are currently more than 1,000 students, under the aegis of the Jewish Agency, attending sixto 12-month programs such as the Institute for Training Leaders from Abroad; the year course of Young Judea; and the Conservative movement's Netiv course. And not one has decided

to go home.
The parents are very worried, particularly those of children from Australia and South Africa who recently arrived here," says Shlomo Gravetz, chairman of the Jewish Agency's Youth and Hehalutz Department. They have been calling our emissaries in their home towns and we get a lot of reports of parents wanting the children to go back. But so far not one student has decided to return."

Gravetz says that a number of steps have been taken to give the students a feeling of safety. "We know every minute where they are. They do not leave any of the institutes where they are studying without the permission of the security officer at that place. At present, we use very little public transport. We have rented our own buses."

A hotline connecting the students with their homes has been operated after every attack, to allay the parents' fears without delay, Gravetz says. And the students' free days have been kept to a minimum so that they do not wander around the country alone. They have also been provided



with support services, he says. We have sent letters to all the emissaries and the students [asking them] to demonstrate solidarity," he says. "Sixteen Netiv graduates are expected here this week to express their support.
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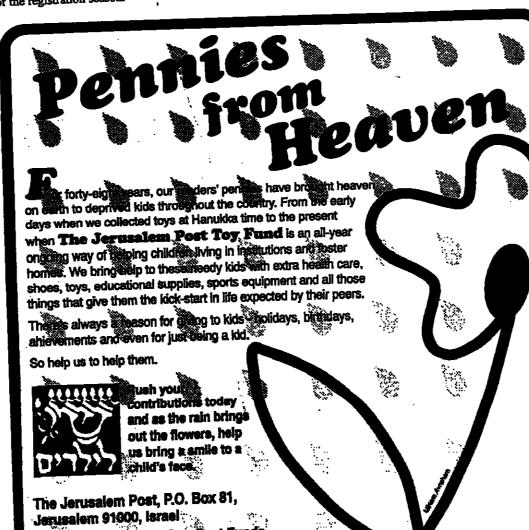
"About 7,500 [16- to 18-yearolds] usually come for summer programs. We hope that when things return to normal we will reach those numbers.

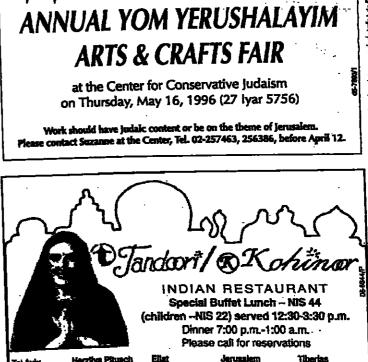
"So far, the emissaries are optimistic. In Detroit, out of 240 registrees, only two have so far canceled; in Canada - five or six out of several hundred. But registration has frozen since the attacks. Only 250 new students have registered in the US and this is the season when they usually sign up."

Meanwhile, 400 short-term emissaries will go to the US this summer to work with the under-16s - double last year's figure.

For the first time, there is an indication of maturity in the Jewish world," Gravetz says. "It indicates a positive change in the Diaspora's attitude towards Israel."

He would like to see more students taking the attitude of Zaki 1 Alec from Los Angeles, who said last week: "I am the last descendant of my family which was ' destroyed in the Holocaust and every incident like this stirs me on to express my Jewishness and my obligation to Israel loudly and clearly to everyone. Am Yisrael





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# Antiterror Inc.: The 'A' Team arrives

OB." a US government antiterror expert, was awakened in his Washington home by a late-night phone call last week, less than 24 hours after a Hamas suicide bomber killed 13 people outside Dizengoff Center in Tel Aviv.

"I hope you can pack quickly," the official on the other end said. "We've got you booked on a flight to Israel in two hours." That was last Tuesday morning.

Since then, Bob, who spoke on condition of anonymity, and a team of other antiterror experts with the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security, have been in Israel translating President Bill Clinton's promise for aith in the war on terror into concrete terms.

"I'm not a politician, but if anyone wants proof of the US government's commitment to helping Israel fight terror, they just have to look at us and how quickly we were sent here," Bob says, sitting in a Tel Aviv hotel lobby with a colleague from the bureau's Office of Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA).

ATA was founded in 1983 to provide assistance 'to friendly foreign countries facing a significant terrorist threat."

The office aims are "enhancing the antiterrorism skills of foreign police, law enforcement, and security officials ... [and] providing a vehicle for continued contact and dialogue between US and foreign security officials."

Antiterror experts from other branches of the US defense establishment have also arrived here since the Dizengoff attack, including from the army and Central Intelligence Agency.
US sources say each "team"

sent here serves a different secu-rity purpose: US Army officers work with the IDF, CIA staff with the Mossad and ATA experts with the police and the GSS. The overall aim is to cover the gambit of antiterror operations.

The ATA mission is straightforward: listen to senior Israeli security officials about their needs in the war on terror and make constructive suggestions. A shopping list of requests is to be brought back to the US, probably early week, and senior American men and materiel have been airlifted to Israel, putting President Clinton's war on terror to work. Bill Hutman reports

officials will decide how much to allocate.

ALL INDICATIONS from US and Israeli officials is that the Clinton administration will make good on its promise to help in the war against Hamas, and Israel will get much of what it is requesting. No estimate was available, however, on the total

The Americans have held dozens of meetings with senior Police, Border Police and GSS officials. They have also visited training installations, including of the elite police antiterror unit, and conducted field tours to see firsthand what is needed.

"The Israelis are experts in many areas that they don't really need our help in," Bob says. "Take the elite police antiterror unit. They're among the best in the world. We can a learn a lot from them.

"We listen to the Israelis, sometimes make suggestions, but in the end it's up to them what means they choose to fight ter-

ror," he says. Bob is not new to Israel's war on terror. He says he has been here a dozen times. "John" was on a three-year stint bere that ended in 1992. He served as a senior security officer at the US

Embassy in Tel Aviv. The two are also not new to fighting terror. They both served as US intelligence and counterterror agents in Lebanon in the early 1980s. John was wounded in the Beirut US Embassy bombing in 1983, in which over 200

"It was chaos in Beirut," John recalls, "We didn't know who was fighting who. There were so

Americans were killed.

many militias it was impossible to keep track of them all."

You can't compare the situation there with here at all," he says. There may have been car bombings in both places, but other than that, you're talking about two completely different situations."

Between them, Bob and John have done security work on virtually every continent, being assigned from Columbia to Northern Ireland to the Philippines. They said they had seen a lot of bloodshed in terror's wake and in the battles lost, and won, to stop it.

"I DON'T recall any situation like the one Israel faces today," Bob says. "Israel wants to fight terror, to build a separation line, but it also wants open borders. This will make fighting terror dif-

"Israel could simply build a Berlin Wall' along its borders. But it doesn't want that. It wants to fight terrorism and at the same time keep open, democratic rela-tions with the Palestinian Authority.

There are technologies that can be employed to control a border," he says, "but they are not 100 percent foolproof."

The major request police have given the Americans is for hightech equipment to use along the seam between Israel proper and the territories - roughly following the Green Line - and which the government has vowed to strengthen to prevent Palestinians from entering illegally.

Police want everything from

radar equipment to more of the explosive detection devices the Clinton administration airlifted here last week to implement the separation plan, first proposed over a year ago by Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal. The high-tech equipment need-

ed for the separation plan to work carries a high price tag. That is one reason the Treasury blocked the plan when it was first prosaid. US help in acquiring the equipment will allow the plan to move forward.

Israel also wants Washington to provide explosives-detecting abrador retrievers, considered the best in the world. Even before the recent terror wave, the US pro-

vided several such dogs to police.

They are virtually 100 percent successful, Bob said.

Police will need the dogs and technology the US is offering, he added. "In my assessment, Israel is in store for more terror attacks.

All the signs point in that direc-tion, he said. There are also concerns that US sites in the country will be targeted by Hamas. Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz revealed that Hamas planned an anack during the Clinton visit and that Israel even warned US security officials against planning events during.

the visit that would leave the

president open to attack. "We have clearly put ourselves on the line," Bob said. "We are identified as 'helping the Zionist enemy, which makes us a target

# The man with the grisly task of identifying terror victims

### Jay Levinson deals with the sensitive procedure of examining human remains, \_\_\_\_Jennifer Friedlin writes

OLLOWING every suicide bombing, eyewitness ac-counts of body parts strewn along the streets fill the morning's papers. While most readers can barely stomach imagining the destruction done to human bodies, Jay Levinson has spent the past 11 years analyzing every detail of victims' corpses.

As victim identification officer for the Israel Police, its Levinson's job to take all the preand post-death evidence he can collect and identify the bodies of those killed in terrorist bomb-

ings.
"I'm there at the critical point of confrontation with the body," said Levinson, 46, a New Jersey native with a PhD in Nabatean Aramaic and an avid stamp col-

In 1981, Levinson left his as a document examiner in the CIA and moved to Israel. He joined the police force shortly after his arrival and began working for the division of victim identification (DVI) in 1985.

Now, instead of examining documents, he must deal with the sensitive procedure of examining human remains.

"At the time a family comes to look at a body, it's all pressure and agony, but I want [the procedure] to be right."

In order to ensure that the procedure goes smoothly, every step up until the point at which a family member or friend identifies the body must be meticulously executed.

Upon hearing that a terrorist has struck, Levinson goes immediately to police headquarters. gets a briefing on the attack and then drives out to the Jaffa-based state morgue, the L. Greenberg Institute of Forensic Medicine, known as Abu Kabir.

Approximately two to four hours after the attack - timing depends on the attack's distance from the morgue — the bodies and their severed parts start to

arrive. As the medical staff at Abu Kabir starts fitting them together, using DNA analysis and other scientific methodology, the police identification squad of some dozen people begins to collect postmortem information on the corpse to match it with predeath information the family will

"Let's say a person bas a moustache, so what?" said Levinson. noting that the commonness of moustaches and beards here makes such characteristics invaluable. "However, let's say a person has a tattoo on the ankle: now we're talking of something gaining in importance."

Fingerprints are collected and dentists are on hand to take teeth imprints. As families and friends who suspect that their loved ones may have perished in the attack start entering the facility, the police ask them about any distinguishing marks. If need be, dentists' records are ordered and police go to the suspected victim's home to collect fingerprints.

Only after fingerprints, a genetic profile, a listing of identifying marks and dental evidence have been gathered — a process that can take several hours — and the police are as certain as they can be that the victim has been identified is the family called in for

personal identification.
"We have never made a mistake and we don't intend to," Levinson said.

ON THE way out to Abu Kabir several days after the Dizengoff Center bombing, Levinson, who lectures internationally on victim identification, explained that the turning point for the DVI, which was established in 1985, came following the 1989 terrorist attack on bus 405. In that attack a terrorist took the wheel of the bus and overturned it into a ravine off the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. killing 16 people.



Dr. Levinson in the dissection room in Abu Kabir's Forensic Institute. "At least I can say, after an incident, I've done something," he says.

When the division was set up, the police thought they would small building, doctors and techand the army - which is responsible for identifying soldiers following a military incident would deal with attacks on civilians. But, as Levinson explained, after the 405 attack the police realized the army was not equipped to deal with civilian atrocities.

"In the army, every soldier has an identification file," he said. "When a tank is sent out the officers know exactly who is in the tank. When Egged sends out a bus, no one knows who's on the

Under the direction of Dr. Yosef Almog, director of identification and forensic science; Elie Shmeltzer, chief superintendent of the field assistance group; and Levinson, the DVI has been institutionalizing a professional system for dealing with victim iden-tification quickly and efficiently.

On a normal day, the morgue, previously the home of an Arab whose death is criminally suspicious. In the dark basement, five metal tables sit in three dark. sterile rooms - where a heavy smell of disinfectant and death hangs in the air. As soon as an attack occurs.

this quiet place erupts in activity. The staff of 40 quadruples, with volunteers, dentists and support staff descending on the area. Ambulances come racing down the street bringing in bodies and evaluation. Concerned relatives, who have exhausted the possibility that their missing family member is not in any hospital, arrive at the morgue often hysterical with worry that their worst fears will

be confirmed. Over the years, those involved in victim identification have learned how to control the chaos and infuse the identification service with as much sensitivity as possible. Instead of taking family

officer into a room with a video monitor that shows a picture of the deceased. And, after realizing the base-

ment space they had for questioning relatives meant the families would inevitably see victims' bodies, the police and the morgue's staff decided to use the Health Ministry's office next door for all interviews.

The recent wave of attacks has also triggered the awareness that police and morgue staff must always be ready. After the first bus 18 attack, the staff was lax about getting the place back into working order, said Yona Tenenbaum, Abu Kabir's administrative director. When the second bus 18 was hit, the doctors arrived and could not find their lab coats.

As a result, Tenenbaum said, there is now a special emergency closes constantly stocked with basic equipment.

ALTHOUGH the job of working with mangled, burnt and severed corpses would be unfathomable to most, Levinson said it has its rewards. "At least I can say, after an incident, I've done some-

thing."
That desire to do something has led this Orthodox father of eight to travel the world in pursuit of perfecting victim identification

Following the 1988 terrorist attack on a Pan Am flight over Lockerbie, Scotland, Levinson, then still a novice in the field, flew to the site to learn how squads there identified victims.

Last year, following the terrorist bombing of the Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, Levinson, who is also chairman of the International Police's victim identification committee, brought a Spanish version of the questionnaire to help local authorities take information from the families.

And after a 1993 plane crash in Nepal. Levinson met with the wives of two Israeli xictims, took physical descriptions and then flew to Nepal.

were never found, Levinson worked to confirm via airline reservations and check-in records He then asked local authorities to certify that under no circumstances could the men have survived, Levinson went through such lengths because he wanted the women to be able to carry onwith their lives.

"For the sake of [preventing a woman from becoming an] aguna [ a woman not allowed to remarry under Halachal. I had to get proof no one on the airplane could have survived the crash," Levinson said.

"As a religious Jew, I feel there's an obligation to do everything in coordination with Halacha. It's the job of the police. to serve the public."

Although many of the families Levinson works with want to stay in touch with him, he said his presence is a constant, disturbing reminder of a traumatic period. For their sake, he cuts all contact with the families after the work is

As for keeping up his own morale, Levinson said he would not let a terrorist attack or the horrors he has seen keep him from going about his daily life.

But Levinson, who had white paint stains on his arms, admitted that following the recent spate of terrorist attacks and days and nights spent at Abu Kabir, he took a few days off for the mundane chore of housepainting.

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# Wannabes and will-bes in the Likud

SALMOVITZ The only MK to break away from Tsomet and stay with the right. Salmovitz's chances have ironically diminished since her old party joined up with the



Salmovitz was once described as "a true example of democracy": a woman, from a small northern town (Nahariya), who worked as a legal secretary and made it into the Knesset without big money or big names behind her.

Although her style and circumstances - not to mention her hairdo - have made her an easy object for ridicule, Salmovitz has proven an active and concerned parliamentarian.

She is a deputy speaker and a dedicated member of several committees, all of them important (if not prestigious), including the subcommittee for singleparent families and women immigrants (which she chairs); the committee against antisemitism and xenophobia (in which she has been particularly involved); the committee for the status of women: the environmental lobby; and the social lobby (where she has promoted rights for disabled).

MORDECHAI Maj.-Gen. (res.) Yitzhak Mordechai (Itzik to friends and even complete strangers) was one of the candidates encouraged to join the Likud list to boost its image on



security issues. (Former GSS deputy head Gideon Ezra is another.)

A former OC Central Command and Southern Command during the intifada years and OC Northern Command during unrest in south Lebanon, Mordechai has been catapulted to a prominent position on the Likud Security Forum and has received so much media coverage it is easy to forget he has not yet been

Mordechai is a dream candidate for the Likud. A veteran of all the major wars, as an officer in the Paratroop Division, he has an unblemished military record further boosted by the rescue of hijacked bus passengers on the 300 bus in the mid-'80s.

And he was not involved in the consequent controversy over the GSS's han-dling of the terrorists:

Born in Traq in 1944 he arrived in bopen letter she Israel in 1950 and lived in a transit camp for immigrants before moving to Tiberias. He should appeal to the "ethnic" vote on which the Likud hopes to

VLADIMIR SCHECKLAR Vladimir Sch-

ecklar, 38, is a well-known figure among Russianspeakers. He immigrated from Leningrad in 1990. Schecklar bel-



ieves the Likud should be the address for new-immigrant voters; "In the last Knesset elections, a large number of immigrants deserted the Likud and voted in favor of other parties. This was because they had no real representative to listen to their

Although Schecklar is the political reporter for the Russian-language paper Vesti, he is probably best known as a sportsman. He is national fencing champion, a sports broadcaster on Russianlanguage radio and the director of the competitive sports department at the Jerusalem Municipality.

Apart from promoting immigrants' rights, he plans to advance the cause of sport if elected to the Knesset.

YEDIDYA BE'ERI

Born in Germany in 1931. Yedidya Be eri retains many yekke traits. including a cultured manner and a keen sense of propriety. Be'en, a lawyer, grew up



here and was critically wounded in the War of Independence. He was elected an MK in the eighth Knesset (1974-1977). Be'eri has campaigned on environmental issues, chairing the Council for the Prevention of Noise and Air Pollution. He is also a member of Al-Sam, an organization formed to fight drug abuse.

Both the environment and the drugs war feature prominently in his current election campaign where they appear along with a promise to promote the rights of the elderly.

On security issues, he is dedicated to a campaign to preserve Jerusalem as the undivided capital and to eradicate any signs of non-Israeli sovereignty in the

He has also launched a campaign to protect the standards and status of the Hebrew language.

### YAEL AMISHAV

Yael Amishay immigrated from France in 1979 by way of Cambodia and Colombia where she served as an economist for the UN. She describes herself as "a Jerusalemite, a national-religious woman." Amishay later renewed her links with the UN when, in 1985, she was a member of the Israeli delegation

led by then-ambassador to the UN Binyamin Netanyahu.

A specialist in Soviet affairs, Amishav worked for several years to free Soviet Jewry and accurately predicted the downfall of the Soviet Union. In 1986 she established a committee calling for a Palestinian-Jordanian state.

Since 1991, she has been a director of her own high-tech communications company in Jerusalem. Amishav is married to a physicist and is the mother of

Perhaps indicative of her own ambitions, she lives in Golda Meir's old house.

Her political objectives include: establishing Israeli control over the Temple Mount; reducing economic and political dependency on the US; and recognizing a Palestinian state on the Jordanian side of the Jordan River.

On social issues, she favors a long school day emphasizing civics, Judaism and Zionism; "drying up the left's failed institutions such as kibbutzim"; taxing Arab residents of Israel in lieu of military service; and limiting child benefits to Jews and Druse.

RUBY RIVLIN Jerusalemite Ruby Rivlin, nine generations in Israel, was born into the Likud. His parents were founder members of the movement and he grew up in



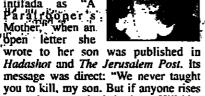
the Betar youth movement, serving as its patron for 25 years. A former MK, he is remembered fondly for his self-deprecating sense of

humor. In the Knesset, he was an active campaigner on serious issues and was known to support the underdog. He chaired the War on Drugs Committee and was active in the foreign affairs and defense, state comptroller and law com-

State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat described him as "a decent politician." His motto is simple, if not modest: "The Likud without Ruby Rivlin is not

**SMADAR** LEVITAN BAT-ADAM

Journalist Smadar Levitan Bat-Adam made headlines during the intifada as "A Parairrooper's Mother," when an



message was direct: "We never taught you to kill, my son. But if anyone rises A mother of four, she founded the Society to Promote Adoption after adopting a seven-year-old girl 13 years

ago. She is currently actively involved in the Society for Homeless Children. Bat-Adam was named after a character in Jabotinsky's novel Shimshon, which shows her strong Betar roots.

She currently heads the Holon Municipality Public Relations Department. Should she be elected to the Knesset, she promises to improve the image and status of IDF soldiers, help the weaker population, and fight stigmatization of certain sectors.

Her election campaign has been marked by a strong avoidance of badmouthing other candidates - "There's no place for it" - and a certain reticence to "sell myself to the public, particularly at a time like this when we are all griev-

(KAPLA)

PELEG Rosh Ha'ayin councillor Yohai (Kapla) Peleg. 34. is another Likud candidate with a potential "ethnic" pull. His parents



left Yemen on Operation Magic Carpet in the 1950s. Peleg served as an emissary in the US. after which he was invited to stay on and work in Washington DC as an intern in the office of Senator Howel Heflin (Democrat, Alabama). Here he gained both experience and a taste for politics.

In Rosh Ha'ayin he has headed several council committees including the foreign relations, welfare and community, and the neighborhood rehabilitation

Locally, his achievements include the organization of the Rosh Ha'avin Likud Women's group.

His campaign credo is hard-line; he strongly opposes a Palestinian state and the possible mass influx of Palestinians.

HANA

GROPER "traditional, Zionist, Likudnik, Haifa-ite," Groper, 36. is involved in human-rights issues and chairs an organization that fights bigamy. She won her own fight managed to rescind the second marriage



permit granted her husband, from whom she was not divorced. "Every party except ours has a humanrights activist in the Knesset," she says. "I can help by fighting that battle in the

She promises to promote improved laws on personal-status issues such as divorce, surrogacy and adoption. She also hopes to promote students' rights. Her slogan is: "Your female Likudnik in the struggle for human rights."

### MICHAEL RATZON

Michael Ratzon is expected to be sworn in as a Likud MK next week, after the mourning period for MK Ariel Weinstein ends.

Petah Tikva-born Ratzon, 43, is a married father of five. He reached the 36th slot on the Likud list in the 1992 elec-

Ratzon joined the electoral race at the last moment at the personal behest of Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu.

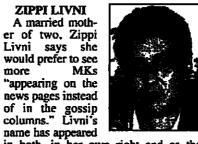
AVIEL GRAFT

That the 42-year-old Metulla resident can "run" for the primary elections is thanks to what was described as a medical miracle. In 1992, he was seriously wounded in South Lebanon. Doctors wanted to amputate his legs, but Grafi had different plans and today stands and walks on his own two feet. "You can always amputate later but you have to fight first," he says.

Grafi, a married father of three, strongly opposes any withdrawal from the Golan Heights and favors wiping out terror organizations operating in South Lebanon.

Grafi would like more towns to be established in Galilee to absorb new immigrants and demobilized soldiers. He also calls for creating a full-fledged university in Galilee and strengthening Jewish awareness and studies in schools.

ZIPPI LIVNI A married mother of two, Zippi Livni says she would prefer to see more "appearing on the news pages instead



name has appeared in both, in her own right and as the daughter of the late Likud MK and former IZL commander Eitan Livni. She is hailed in the press as one of the new generation of political princes and princesses.

Livni, specializes in real estate, plays her surname for all its worth. "An authentic public representative from a fighting family," says her campaign lit-

She emphasizes her security background (she was in the Mossad) and social concerns, calling for "the right to live in peace and security"; innovative solutions to the lack of affordable housing; equal opportunities for children from different socioeconomic backgrounds: independent, nonpolitical workers' associations; and a fair press. Her slogan is: "A name which is an

EFI DAREY

Efi Darey decided to run for the Knesset after 19 years as the head of the Kfar Yona Regional Council. He was first elected council head at the age of 25 and was reelected four times in succes-

"As someone who has dealt for years with promoting social projects and dealing with welfare concerns on a regional level, I feel well-equipped to fight in the Knesset to ensure social strength nationally," he says.

AYOOB KARA A resident of Daliat al-Carmel. Avoob Kara has turned into something of the bad boy of the Likud primaries. Kara's campaign has



focused largely on a series of publications attacking a fellow Druse and Likud member, MK Assad Assad, one of the Knesset's better-mannered members. Kara, chairman of One Fate, an orga-

nization for demobbed Druse soldiers, is promoting himself as the only Druse candidate to "faithfully serve the needs and spirit of the community." His platform has been to accuse Assad

of undermining the image of the Druse as loyal citizens. His motto is: "No Knesset seat is worth the price of lack of faithfulness."

AHIMEIR





Revisionist leader Abba Ah-imeir, he quotes Jabotinsky with ease. He is married and is the father of two daughters.

Ahimeir has a strong journalistic back-ground which includes work for Ma'ariv. He has also written a number of books. When Yitzhak Shamir was prime minister, Ahimeir was his spokesman, and he was director of the Prime Minister's Office from 1988 to 1992.

His platfom is typical Likud: strengthening settlements; ensuring security; reducing the social gap; improving education on Judaism and Israeli history; promoting responsibility in the media: and "improving the quality of life to increase the peace of mind of all citi-

With the primaries a week and a half away, The Post presents a cross-section of candidates from the two major parties. Michal Yudelman surveys Labor, while Liat Collins looks at the Likud

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YISRAEL Yisrael Peleg, 46, director-general of the Environment. Ministry, is contending in Lab-

or's Dan district. Formerly Israel's consul neral in Philadelphia and director of the Government Press Office, Peleg intends to promote crucial issues in the Dan region, such as a surburban railway, health, education and local ser-

He also plans to improve the quality of the environment, rehabilitate the Yarkon River and deal with polluting industrial plants. He will also fight for the rights of pensioners, women and young people.

YAFFA YEGER Forty-three-year-old Yaffa Yeger has been serving on the Herzliya city council for eight years and is committed to promoting education, improving health services and advancing the rights of the elderly and the infirm.

Yeger, a graduate of the Tel Aviv University and Levinsky Seminar

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SHLOMO BEN AM Probably Labor's most prominer new primaries candidate, Prof. Shiomo Ben-Ami is running for the Knesset ph

A Ph.D graduate of Oxford, Ben-Ami was sent by then foreign minister Shimon Peres to be Israel's ambassador in Spain in 1987, a position he served in until after the Madrid peace confer-

Ben-Ami headed Israel's mission to the multilateral talks on refugees, and later directed the Koor concern's business contacts with the Arab world. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin appointed him to the committee to examine the permanent settlement with the Palestinians.

Ben-Ami is currently co-chairman together with Health Minister Ephraim Sneh - of Labor's political and foreign affairs committee and head of the Tel Aviv University's Center for International Relations.

Jerusdem resident Vael Arab, run i prog vo Labor's national Knesset list logste a rich party and professional

She is the first woman to serve as ninector general of the Israel Construction Center and a member of the El Al Goard of onecross. Until 1995. she showed as Na anner chan within in Jerusalchi. Where she promoted women's issues. Before that she managed the Histadrut's halson burean in the Knessel, where she focused on social and economic legislation. Arm, 41 married and mother of two.

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YGRAM MARZIANO Youam Muzzano, 31, of Lod. is confending for a slot on Labor's contral district list

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EXTAN CABEL Eitan Cabel, Housing Minister Binyamm Ben-Eliezer's assistant is running for Labor's primaries in the Dan district

Although the is only 36 years old a Cabel has quite a long political career being him.

Before he began working for Ben-filezer, he was charman of the sindents association in terusalem. Shimon Peres's personal assistant from 1990 to 1992 and assistant to former agriculture minister Avraham Katz-Oz. Cabel is hooked on politics, even though he says he could make much

cially now, with all the experience he has gained in the Housing Ministry. Most party members know him, and internal party surveys predict his chances of being elected after MK Ra anan Cohen are good :---After years of advising politicians. Cabel is now trying to cope with the

more money in the private sector espe-

new experience of suits, jackets and tying neckties.

He even had to grow his hair, because his favorite short-cropped figurstyle made him look far too young and s

### people mistook bim for a teenager. The campaign's American flavor



LOUIS LIPSKY Louis Lipsky, 36, might be the ethnic choice of the English-speaking community.
"Although I am basically an Israeli, having lived here since I was 11, I think that Anglo-Saxons will feel more comfortable with someone like myself in the Knesset," he

I represent a political culture close to theirs and share political morals with them. My entire campaign is based on accountability and I feel that I do get across the message of representative democracy," he

But Lipsky faces formidable opposition, running on the Jerusalem Likud list against MK Yehoshua Matza and

Elisha Peleg. Lipsky is operating on a limited budget and without a political power base. Among his intended legislation are bills to: redefine the terms "incitement" and "terrorism"; remove the statute of limitations for crimes of physical, sexual or severe mental abuse; restrict sexual undertones in advertising; prevent economic monopolies; and screen all education-system employees.

Born in New York City. Lipsky and his siblings received a solid Zionist education. After his father died his mother brought the family to Israel to fulfill their lifelong dream. At 18, Lipsky followed in his father's footsteps and joined the navy. He is married with two young children.

In politics, he has worked his way up, from stuffing envelopes and distributing flyers to being district campaign manager in the 1984 Knesset "In the words of Colin Powell, I have a fire in my belly," he says. "I

one do for his country?' and then do all he can."

prefer to refer to it as having a calling. I feel one must ask 'What can and social issues, and economic development in the peace era.

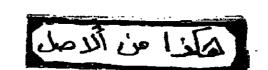
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(ELIZABETH) Eli (Elizabeth) Aloni, of Beit Herut, is the first woman to contend for primaries in Labor's moshav category, framework considered almost impene-

woman. Born in Minneapolis, Aloni (49) is Na amat chairwoman for the status of women in employment and economy and a longtime lecturer on business management and business English at the Ruppin Academy. Aloni, who promotes women networking and

encourages moshav women to start cottage industries, has opened 25 businesswomen's clubs throughout the country in the past year In the past, she served as adviser to the agri-

culture minister on women entrepreneurs and to a senior IDF officer. If elected to the Knesset, Aloni intends to focus on finding creative solutions for crucial moshav issues - such as employment alternatives to farming, pension, unemployment fees



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F a prize were to be given for the crudest and most transparent piece of disinformation planted in a Western paper, it would go to a news item in the London Evening Standard of February 26, a day after this year's first bus bombing. Considering the competition for such a prize, this is no mean achieve-

The Jerusalem Post

The top-of-the-page story, whose four-line headline reads "Israeli terrorists [sic] accused of bombing," (a title the old Soviet Pravda would have been too timid to use). is reproduced in full.

Moderate groups in Israel and the Palestinian autonomous areas were today accusing terror groups from both sides of combining to organize vesterday's bus bombings in Israel which killed 25 people and injured at least 80.

Suspicions that Israeli extremist groups linked to the military and the security services might have a hand in Palestinian suicide bombings have been voiced before but the accusations became firmer after the assassination of Prime Minister Yizhak Rabin.

Questioning of those accused of complicity in the murder has brought fresh evidence of connections between the groups, with the Israelis providing logistical and technical support for Palestinian bombers.

Yesterday's attack is seen as revenge for the killing of Hamas "master bomber" Yehiya Ayyash, over which Israel was accused. The following day Israeli Premier Shimon Peres sacked the head of Israeli security, citing different reasons.

Then, too, there was speculation in srael that the assassination was an attempt to disrupt the peace process. Yesterday Jewish extremists were again baying for Mr. Peres's blood. Demonstrators carrying banners reading "You are next" were at the scene of the

Verusalem bombing when he visited it.

Evening Standard': Israelis are terrorists As Palestinian police today arrested at least 25 Humas extremists in the Gaza strip, the Palestinian Authority under Yasser Arafai - who condemned the bombing - was pointing out that even the structure of the communique issued in the name of Hamas's military wing echoed the Israeli way of describing the group ruther than the usual Palestinian

The Palestinian Authority also said the technology for making bus bombs no longer exists in the Palestinian areas and the attacks could not have been carried out without outside help.

Palestinian radio today appealed to the Authority to launch a major attack on Hamas. The Authority virtually controls the radio station and this is seen as a precursor to a clampdown by Mr. Arafat's security forces on Hamas.

In Israel, Mr. Peres was being confronted with demands from his own moderates to lift the closure of Gaza and the West Bunk, which is supported by the military. Many commentators say those responsible waited until the closure was lifted in order to make sure it was reimposed.

THERE is no record of the story's author, Sue Masterman, in the Government Press Office. But the story's similarity to the PLO line is striking. The canard that right-wing Israeli "extremists" are partners in the suicide bombings is being repeated at every opportunity not only by Arafat (who included the charge in his speech at the inauguration of the Palestine Council) but by all his henchmen, including the Westernized Nabil Sha'ath. The Standard story lends the fabrication the kind of respectability only the mainstream press can grant.

Remarkably, not one source is mentioned. Unnamed "moderate groups in Israel and the Palestinian autonomous

### DAVID BAR-ILLAN

areas" is obviously pure invention, just as "terror groups from both sides" is a fabrication

The Palestinian terror groups are known. Hamas, Islamic Jihad, the radical PLO groups, and the "dissidents" Jibril and Abu Nidal have all killed Jews since the Oslo accords were signed. Fatah and Group 17, Arafat's own

militias, have focused on eliminating Palestinian "collaborators." But who are the terror groups on the Israeli side? Arafat has been talking for more than a year about a mysterious OAS, patterned after the French army's opponents to a settlement in Algeria.

The Algerian analogy is an Arab favorite: the French lost in Algeria and went back to Europe. And dreaming up an OAS-type group in the Israeli army which conspires with Islamic fanatics to kill Jews is a seductive fantasy.

Yet to toe this line so blindly is to show total disregard for the most fundamental journalistic principles, and infinite faith in readers' gullibility.

"Suspicions that the Israeli extremist groups linked to the military and the security services might have a hand in Palestinian suicide have been voiced before, but the accusations became firmer after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin." Voiced before? By the PLO, of course.

The connection with the Rabin assassination makes the intended impression clearer. What Masterman says is that these conspiratorial mad rightists in the Israeli security services who killed Rabin are now helping the Islamists

destroy the peace process. Arafat even waved a "document" at the Palestinian Council session. It was a

clipping from the local tabloid

Yerushalayim of an interview with Avishai Raviv, who bragged of meetings with Islamic Jihad. Apparently, he forgot that Raviv is an agent of the Israeli government - Arafat's ally in peace -not the head of some OAS-type conspiracy. (Why Raviv bragged Yerushalayim of such meetings merits a separate investigation. It may have been part of his effort to besmirch the "right

wing opposition.") Nor does the article shy from stating there is evidence of "Israelis providing logistical and technical support for Palestinian bombers." No such evidence exists. It is a baseless lie.

According to Masterman, GSS bead Karmi Gillon was sacked the day after Ayyash was killed by Peres, who cited "different reasons." But Gillon offered his resignation, quite properly, immediately after the Rabin assassination. It had nothing to do with the Ayyash killing.

Yet to a naive British reader such drivel adds a sense of conspiratorial mystery to the piece, particularly since the article then throws in the "speculation" that the Rabin assassination is connected to the bus bombings.

Having dispensed with the evil Israelis, the article introduces nice guy Yasser Arafat, who not only condemned the bombing and promptly arrested "at least 25 Hamas extremists"; he also discerned that the communique Hamas issued was a forgery - it must have been concocted by, you guessed it, Israeli extremists.

All that's left is the answer to "who made the bombs." The PA says "the technology for making bus bombs no longer exists in the Palestinian areas and the attacks could not have been carried

There is something truly touching about this Palestinian modesty, considering that in 75 years of terrorism Palestinians have caused the death of tens of thousands, mostly Arabs, and that explosives have been their favorite weapons. And one cannot be but impressed by the treatment of a bombmaking formula as if it were a secret ancient recipe for the preparation of bal-

Palestinian bomb-maker. To wind it all up, the unnamed "moderates" on both sides are heard from again. On the Palestinian side, a condemnation of the bombing. One must presume it was made by the same wonderfully moderate crowd which called 'the engineer" a martyred hero, attended his funeral, fired a 21-gun salute and commemorated him by burning an

sam oil, lost with the demise of the last

Israeli bus in effigy.
On the Israeli side, the "moderates" demand lifting the closure on the very day of the first bus bombing in Jerusalem. What a felicitously quick reaction! (Of course, no such appeals from moderates were made on the day of the bomb - unless perhaps Masterman considers Uri Avnery a moderate.)

To add another insult to journalistic ethics Masterman quotes "many commentators" as saying that those clever bombers and Israeli OASniks waited until the closure was lifted to commit the atrocity only to make sure it was reimposed. One can only assume that they bombed again the next week only to make sure the closure stays.

It would have been nice to believe that the Evening Standard, a relatively decent newspaper, would simply bury its head in shame for publishing such a piece of disinformation. Its new editor. Max Hastings, a former reporter for the paper who covered the Yom Kippur War with fairness and understanding and later served as a distinguished editor of the Daily Telegraph, is not the type to countenance such journalistic abomina-

But the Masterman article was no aberration. The next week, after the second bus bomb in Jerusalem, the paper's editorial compounded the original crime

with an even worse offense:

By their outrages [the bombers] are seeking to goad the Israeli people into new acts of repression and retaliation against the Palestinians, and thus destroy the movement towards peace and compromise which is being led by Israel's Prime Minister, Shimon Peres. Hamas are being assisted in their objectives by Israel's own right-wing extremists, some of whom are prominent in the Likud Party. It is, then, no longer just OAS-type army extremists, but Likud bigwigs who are collaborating in murdering Jews.

And continuing with arrant ignorance and vicious slander, the paper states: But at all costs the nation should avoid striking out blindly against Palestinians at large. Shimon Peres and those who share his hopes will receive no assistance, of course, from Israel's hawks. Openly or secretly, the right's long-term objective has always been to achieve the removal of all Arabs from the West Bank.

They have contributed greatly to Israel's problems, and to the rage of the Arab world, by encouraging the creation of Israeli settlements on the West Bank Shimon Peres and his colleagues deserve the support and sympathy of the Western world.

The Evening Standard, it seems, believes it can lend such support by implying that half of the Israeli population ("the right") are Kahanists, and by accusing Likud of collaborating in the killing of Israelis. With friends like these, Peres needs no enemies.

# Of shameless 'candor'

Have you no sense of decency. sir, at long last?

Lawyer Joseph Welch, to Sen. Joseph McCarthy on June 9, 1954, during the Senate hearings McCarthy conducted on alleged subversive activity in the US

TN New York in 1940, when I was a 17-year-old member of a LZionist youth movement and a freshman student at City College of New York, some of us facetiously suggested trying to

To the best of my recollection. nobody in our circle ever tried to implement this provocative idea.

In the 1930s some leftist and centrist Zionists accused Ze'ev Jabotinsky's Revisionists of abetting antisemitic activity in Poland with the aim of panicking the country's Jews into joining his "extremist" organization.

Some anti-Zionists - including prominent Jews - leveled a similar charge against all Zionists of ali wings.

After Israel was established. Arab spokesmen and their collaborators, including some Jews, said the rise of Nazism had been a conspiracy of Jews and German antisemites: the Jews would be driven to Zionism and would "go back to Palestine," and Germany would be rid of its Jews. The Holocaust, in those sick

minds, was a continuation of this conspiracy, to win for the Jews the Christian world's guilt-driven support for the establishment of Israel - thereby "dispossessing" the country's "original owners."

Yasser Arafat and some of his cohorts have accused various elements in Israel, including government officials, of being in collusion with Arab terrorists. It is charged that the Jews would thus bring about the derailment of the "peace process" and blame it on the "Palestinians."

Clinton equated Yitzhak Rabin's murderer, Yigal Amir, with the Arab terrorists, saying both aimed to kill the "peace process." Clinton and the Arafatians thereby followed the lead of

In the past two years PLO chief

Even our good friend Bill

Yitzhak Rabin himself, who had quite a glossary of nasty epithets that he applied to Jewish critics.

Some of his colleagues still draw

### A VIEW FROM NOV MOSHE KOHN

on that glossary.

The fact is, of course, that those terrorists and those who sympathize with them and even abet them from behind a mask of moderation are out to kill not the "peace process," but the Jews especially unarmed Israeli Jews and the Jewish state. And while they're at it, they don't mind also killing unarmed fellow Arabs and Moslems, Christians, Druse,

Deuteronomy 25:17-19).

NINE DAYS ago Shimon Peres added his voice to that chorus of slanderers: he lent credence to an Arab terrorist's allegation that the four suicide bombings in Jerusalem, Ashkelon and Tel Aviv were intended to drive Israelis to elect Binyamin Netanyahu and the Likud to power in the coming elections, so the latter could halt

the "peace process." By Tuesday, March 5, barely 48 hours after the second suicide bombing of a No. 18 bus in Jerusalem and the day after the massacre in Tel Aviv. the PLO in Jericho had arrested and tried Mohammed Abu Warda, 20, and sentenced him to life with hard labor for mobilizing and activating three of the suicide bombers.

He was quoted as telling his PLO interrogators that the bombings were in revenge for the liquidation (on January 5, presumably by Israeli agents) of Yihye Ayyash, the "Engineer" of many murderous anti-Jewish acts.

Then, in an interview with "Radio Palestine," he did not mention the alleged pro-Likud scheme, and called for a halt to such terror acts, saying he now realized they only harmed the "Palestinian" cause (Ha'aretz, March 7).

Israel Wednesday Television's Mabat news magazine screened an interview Abu Warda gave to its correspondent, Yoram Cohen. He told Cohen that his Hamas commander had explained that the group wanted to "carry out military actions in order to achieve political aims namely, to sabotage the peace process." Hamas, he said, thought it necessary to intensify military activity in order to bring about a reversal in the Israeli

political arena regarding the Likud and the left. Especially in view of the advancing of the election date, Hamas thought military actions would benefit the Likud and harm the left. And if the Likud comes to power, the political process will come to a halt." On the Moked ("Focus") pro-

gram immediately following Mabat, Peres, donning his characteristic earnest mien and diction, said: "I'll be perfectly candid: it didn't surprise me. I didn't want to exploit this factor, in order not to fan the domestic flames, but increase Zionist membership on Romanians etc.

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> they have any partners whatever in Israel." If so, what did Peres mean by ... now the picture is complete"?

of Hamas alone, and no one thinks

Which picture? If so, why did Peres content himself with a bland "explanation" by his spokeswoman instead of personally returning to TV and saying: "I apologize; I didn't mean to imply what my wretched choice of words implied."

He might thereby have established a salutary precedent, breaking our long-standing tradition of officials not taking responsibility for their errors of judgment or action.

Shimon Peres, 73 years old and desperate for a first electoral victory of his very own.

LEAH RABIN, too, continues to besmirch and incite when the opportunity arises.

When Yigal Amir's photo was found a dozen times in that banquet journal of the American Friends of Bar-Ilan University, prepared long before Rabin's assassination, all sensible people knew that a ma'aseh Sutan - an act of Satan, a terrible fushla, a foul-up caused by sheer, unintended oversight - had occurred. But Leah Rabin deemed it to be

the product of a criminal conspiracy, saying: "I thought Bar-llan had turned over a new page. It's very hard for me to believe that this happened only because of oversight and carelessness" (The Jewish Week of New York, February 9-15).

I have been told that the person who bore "ministerial responsibility" for that journal, who has since resigned, is "a leftists' leftist" regarding Israeli politics.

# Make a start; the rest will follow

"And they brought the Tabernacle unto Moses, the Tent and all its furniture, its clasps, its boards, its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets..." (Exodus 39:33-41)

S rabbi of Efrat, one of the more pleasant challenges is providing synagogues for new neighborhoods. As families grow, makeshift synagogues in school lobbies become obsolete. When I met with a delegation from Givat Hadekel, one of the newest sections of Efrat, we found that even after the approximately 150 families had dug deep into their pockets, they could only raise \$100,000.

My suggestion to the congregation was based on the portion of Pekudei, the second half of this week's double portion. The above quote is only the beginning of a long inventory of the Tabernacle's contents.

What's more, the very fact that the entire portion of Pekudei is itself an accountant's summation of the Tabernacle's contents only underscores that there seems to be no specific reason why, within the larger account, a smaller, nineverse summation appears, a repetition within a repetition. Rashi's comment on the phrase,

...they brought the Tabernacle unto Moses..." may help us understand the need for this additional inventory. Clearly we are being impressed with the massiveness of the tabernacle, so heavy that no one could possibly lift it. Quoting the Midrash, Rashi has Moses query God: "How is it possible for Tithe Sanctuary I to be erected by humans?" And so He responds:

"Make sure that you do the work with your hands (asok ata b'yad-

ality erect itself." In other words, start the job, and

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expecting that the 100 hours he that counts.

however, effort is the major criterion for God's evaluation. This is the meaning behind God's words to Moses: "Make sure you do the work with your own hands." As long as you do as much as you can. God will count it as if you accomplished the whole thing.

A telling parable from the Dubner Maggid highlights the importance of effort in Divine Service. A distraught man once came to the famous preacher.

SHLOMO RISKIN

cha). It will appear as though You are erecting it, but it will in actu-

God will see to it that the rest gets done. The importance of this teaching can't be overemphasized. Help from above cannot come until a person starts the process, but "one who comes to purify will be aided from Above."

den in Rashi's Midrash. There is a qualitative difference between service for humans and service for God. In the human realm, as in the business world, results are what Pity the poor copywriter

just spent on a project should get him a promotion even if 98% of his ideas are rejected. He is bound to be disappointed; in the "real world," it is accomplishment, and only accomplishment, In the realm of Divine service.

"What is the good of my Torah study? I study Torah every day, but quickly forget today what I

studied yesterday."

The Dubner Maggid presented him with the following parable. A king once assigned one of his subjects the task of pouring water into the king's barrels each day. But when the man noticed the barrels were cracked in the bottom. and the water dripped out, he stopped filling the barrels.

Six months later, the king dis-covered that the parties were dry inside. He grew enraged, threatening to execute his subject. Pleading for his life, the man explained that since the barrels were cracked and couldn't contain water, he saw no purpose in sim-ply pouring in what later would empty out by itself.

"Idiot," roared the king, "who told you I wanted the barrels filled? What I needed for you to do was to pour water on the inside, where a slimy growth had gathered, and therefore cleanse it."

The Dubner Maggid smiled at the man. Who says the sole purpose of Torah study is to fill our minds with stores of knowledge? The very process and the efforts involved cleanses the impurities

This is illustrated by the Hadran prayer recited upon completing a talmudic tractate: "I render thanks before you God, my God, for having placed my portion with those who sit in the study house and not with those who sit on the corners (yoshvei kranot).... I strive, and

they strive. I strive and receive reward, and they strive and do not receive reward." (B.T., Brachot 28b)

How are we to understand individuals who waste their time sitting on street corners? Surely these people do not even strive. Hence it must refer to those who sit at the periphery, who do not devote themselves to Torah, but rather to other professional pursuits.

And when the Talmud says they receive no reward for their work, it is simply stating an empirical fact. The yoshvei kranot - the basketball players and movie stars and high-priced lawyers - do not receive reward for their striving, for their effort, only for their results.

But the person in the beit midrash can rightfully claim: They strive and do not receive reward, while I strive and do receive reward." The yoshvei kranot receive their reward for the product, the Torah student receives his reward for the sweat, for burning the midnight oil: "In accordance with the pain is the

neward." So we learned what to do in Dekel, or on any other hill which will eventually need a synagogue. Just the initiation and nurturing of a community for the sake of building a synagogue is a mitzva

in itself. Our involvement is what God wants from us. If what we strive for is a genuine contribution to the Jewish community - klal Yisrael - and conforms with God's will, then as long as we do whatever we can.

He will make sure the rest is accomplished. Shabbat Shalom

# Up next: Neighborhood seders for elderly

DESSAH will be upon us before we know it. For the L past several years, the Forsake Me Not Fund has subsidized neighborhood seders for the elderly who have no families or friends to be with for the holidays. This year, we intend to do it

again. But this year, the need is even greater, as many new immigrants are living here without families. Helping needy youngsters is no less important, now or the rest of

the year. Directors of community centers in distressed neighborhoods are trying to organize day camps during the Pessah vacation to keep youngsters occupied and off the streets. Don't pass them over. Make

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# The blunder

NICK KOPALOFF

'N a recent league game, I committed the unthinkable. With Atime on my side, a clear head and even temper. I played what I think was my first ever gross blunder under tournament conditions. Oblivious to the fact that I could simply capture a rook on the move with no positional complications whatsoever, I totally missed this obvious move. I was lucky to go on to draw the game.

Acclaimed chess coach Alexander Kotov addresses the issue of the gross blunder. For the experienced player, he explains, it is not merely a piece of misjudgment; it is as blatant as forgetting your brother's name.

Kotov's analysis of the causes of the gross blunder draws on psychology, physiology, physics and bad habits. Gross blunders can sometimes be explained by dizzinesss due to success, or by conditioned reflex. A blind spot caused by the eye focusing too heavily on a particular area of the board can also induce the dreaded blunder.

A scholar named Blumenfeld wrote a postgraduate thesis on the subject. Bemoaning the fact that he often failed to see what was "under his nose," Blumenfeld claimed that the same thing in varying degrees happens to the world's best players. To inoculate oneself against this "grave risk," he developed the Blumenfeld Rule.

When immersed in far-sighted variations one is advised to write down the chief moves at the head of the analytical tree. The moves, be adds, should be written in the "long" form. Then one should reevaluate the position through the eyes of a weak player, scouting the board for the bare obvious. The Blumenfeld Rule helps promote the depth of thought with practical

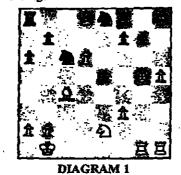
accuracy and blunder-free play. There were no blunders on sight in the following game from the most recent Hastings tournament but, as if simulating a blunder, the Croatian Lalic left his queen en prise for five whole moves.

Lalic, Bogdan - Miles, Anthony Hastings, January 1996 Queen's Gambit Accepted

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.c4 Nc6 4.Be3. 4.d5 and 4.Nf3 are also playable but are currently out of fashion 5.Nf6 5.f3, The British Chess magazine notes that this move is more accurate

notes that this move is more accurate than the obvious 5.Nc3 which is not met by 5...Ng4 6.Bxc4!, rather by 5...S1 6.d5 Na5 5...e5 6.d5 Ne7 7.Bxc4 Ng6 8.Bb5+Nc7 9.Ne2.a6 10.Bd3 Bd6 11.Qd2 Qh4+ 12.g3 Qe7 13.Nbc3 Nf6 14.h4 h6 15.0-0-0 Bd7 16.K51 Bc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Rc1 Qb6 19.Nd1 cc 20.Nc3 cxd5 21.exd5 0-0 22.Nc4 Qd8 23.g4 Bb5 24.h5 Ne7 25.d6 Nc6 Mc6 Nc5 Nc5 27 Oxp5 Brc4 28.Rxc4 26.g5 hxg5 27.Qxg5 Bxc4 28.Bxc4

Nes, an ugly move but superior to 28. Qxd6 which is refused by 29.h6l 29.Reg1 Kh8?, Miles's only hope would have rested in the tough line 29...Qxe5! 30.Rxe5 Rd8! 31.h6 g6



after Black's 29th move 30.Qg6!!, Classily avoiding the exchange of queens. If Black accepts

the subtle queen sacrifice with 30...fxg6 he loses miserably after 31.hxg6+ 30...Qf6 31.Nc3 Nd4 32.Ne4 Qf5 33.d7 Qxd7 34.Nc3 Nd4 32.Nc4 Qf3
33.d7 Qxd7 34.Ng5 Qf5+ 35.Qxf5
Nxf5 36.Nxf7+ Kh7 37.h6 g6
38.Nxc5 Ncd6 39.Bd3 Rf6 40.Rc1
Re8 41.f4 Re7 42.Rcg1 Ree6 43.Bc2
Re7 44.Rg5 Rc7 45.a3 Nc7 46.Rhg1
Nc4 47.Nxg6 Nd2+ 48.Ka2 Nxg6
49.Bxg6+ 1-0

LAST YEAR'S National League champions Elitzur Petah Tikva have recaptured first place in the standings following its emphatic 4-1 trouncing of ASA Tel Aviv in round 7. The team's members

should extend their thanks to Bikurei Ha'itim which, against all odds, helped knock the leaders Hapoel Risbon Lezion from pole position with a 3-2 win. The next round of National League action featuring all 12 teams will be held at the Beersheba club on March 22.

FROM THE Havana Chess Olympiad of 1966: Kinnmark (White) forced Oliveira into a quick resignation after spotting a fine winning combination from the following position. White to

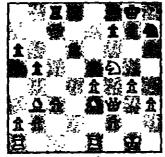


DIAGRAM 2 Solution: White takes advantage of the fact that the Black queen is over-

burdened in her defense of f7.

1.Bb6!! Qxb6 2.Nxh6+ Kb8, If 2...gxh6 White wins in two after 3.Qxf7+ Kh8 4.Qg8++ 3.Nxf7+ Kg8 4.Nxe5+ d5 5.Qf7+ Kh8 6.Ng6++ 1-0

Fear not - very few spiders have venom that is barmful to anything larger than their natural prey.

# Spiders look worse than their bite

diet. One particularly beautiful

spider is dark green and orange

making it hard to find among the

flowers of the rue plant where it

Of special interest is the web.

which the spider uses for many

purposes: as a trap for prey, a

tightrope for transport, and a safe-

ty net for eggs and infant spiders.

woven is one of, if not the, single

strongest strand in the world and

many efforts are still being made

in laboratories to duplicate this

protein-based fiber. It is many

times lighter than the finest syn-

thetic strand yet has several times

For instance, a bulletproof vest

filled with spiderweb silk would

weigh less than one-third as much

as a standard model, but may have

three to five times as much pene-

tration resistance as the finest

vest. In fact, if this material could

be mass produced it would be

possible to cover a person with

almost total body armor and yet it

would be light enough to permit

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T'S hard to find a sympathetic audience if you want to discuss spiders. Most people have an aversion, mostly based on unrealistic fears, toward these interesting creatures. Even the thought of a spider, however small, makes many people shudder.

There are about 40,000 species of spiders in the world, making theirs the largest order among arachnids, which also include scorpions, pseudo-scorpions, ticks and mites. But true spiders, or Aranea as they are known in Latin, differ from their relatives. Spiders, "akavishim" in Hebrew, like other arachnids,

move around on four pairs of legs and have an especially developed front pair for bringing food to their mouthparts or, in some cases, for self-grooming. In the male spider, the legs have a specially adapted sexual organ. They also have a sharply defined separation between the two body parts: the frontal or cephalothorax (prosoma) and the back part, the ophisthosoma or abdomen.

Spiders come in all sizes ranging from less than a millimeter body length to as much as 10 centimeters, the size of a small saucer, although in the larger species the leg span may be twice this.

They also show a most amazing range of colors. Snow-white spiders haunt Shasta daisies, bright green ones are found in lettuce patches while, a few meters away, a darker green spider never leaves the spinach bed. There is a variety

D'YORA BEN SHAUL of others, from black to red and from gray to orange. Usually, their color serves as a camouflage and they are adapted to the plant where they can find the mites and other insects that comprise their tents of the insect and leave the

most cause temporary swelling

and irritable itching.

The spiders of which nightmares are made are called "tarantulas." but this is a word that means little to a zoologist since it has been used to describe almost all large, dark, hairy spiders. Despite their fearsome appearance "tarantulas" are in almost all cases harmless. But because of their size, appearance and tendency to jump when alarmed, a great folklore about them thrives wher-

Spiders have become a standard part of the culture of fear and loathing. Even Tolkien, in The Lord of the Rings made one of the main villains of Shelob a large spider-like creature.

ever they are found.

some secretion from the mouthparts, either venom for immobilizing insect prey or, in some cases, digestive juices inserted into the prey for aiding ingestion. But spiders do not eat, they only drink. Since they are adapted to a diet of liquid food only they suck out the liquefied con-

hard cuticle. Very few spiders have venom that is harmful to anything larger than their natural prey. Notable is the black widow (Latrodectus muctans in Latin, almana shehora in Hebrew) whose bite can make an adult very ill and can even kill an infant or a debilitated person. There are a few others in South America and Australia, but by and large the bite of a spider may at

THE VANDERBILT Teams, the end in Philadelphia.

# Fun for all

MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

South dealer Both sides vulnerable

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North West South 2♦ double pass (all pass)

Opening lead: ♦K.

BRIDGE is a game for young and old, male and female, rich and poor. There are few limitations. Even someone restricted to a wheelchair can compete vigorously against opponents with physical strength. There once was a female US champion who was blind. When she played in a tournament - her seeing-eye dog waiting under the table - Braille cards were used and the players called out the cards during the play of the hand.

Unfortunately, many games are restricted by tournament organizers. It has become especially trendy in the 1990s to stage senior and junior pairs. These restricted events detract from the human flavor of the scene, where the bids and cards played are the great equalizers.

Some people argue that restricted events are illegal. Indeed, a few years ago, a case was won in a California court by a woman who sued the American Contract Bridge League for not allowing her to play in a men's pairs. Her partner was her husband and if there was a choice only between men's and women's pairs, she was effectively barred from participating. The final settlement was that whenever a women's event is staged, the other event must be

main championship at the Spring Nationals in blue US, an event open to anyone who wishes to pay an entry fee, concluded last week-

Today's deal comes from as early-round match between the oldest and youngest teams. Theis oldest and youngest teams. Their old-timers, with an average age of 68, were world champions as George Rapee (80), John Solodarii (55), Russ Arnold (22), Tomo Sanders (64), Alvin Rote (81) and Billy Eisenberg (58). Their oppositions were Jade Banget, Tomos Carmichael (both 22), Chrisw Carmichael (18), Anne Coffigures Miles Adkins and Joel Woolfidger (all 16), with an average age of 18.

Bridge being a game of said and aggressiveness, experience and and seniors were well marched and the result was a 3-map victory of the seniors, who just avoided 1

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for the seniors, who just avoided? the upset of the year. The juniors of showed their flair by reaching a small slam in spaces with a come, bined high-card point until of 16; five in the North hand and 11 inc. the South hand. West showed his poise and wisdom by not doubling.; the slam despite his hig handed which included two aces. (At the other table in the match, the junior sitting West doubled the contract of four spades!)

But since the score for four. spades doubled making two over-y tricks is 1190; while the score form bidding and making six spades is 1430, the juniors won 240 points 1 on the board for a swing of 6, imps. If West had doubled the slam, the juniors would have gained 10 imps and won then match by one imp.

South opened the bidding oned spade and West overcalled two diamonds. From that point, theel juniors found some space-age) calls to reach the slam. North cue-fl bid three diamonds to show a strong hand in support of spades; and East bid his heart suit. South's double of three hearts was !! explained by North as a cuebid inci hearts and North's jump to fourspades indicated a sign-off ingame in their style.

When East bid five diamonds de South passed, inviting a slam, and l when North cuebid five hearts... South accepted his own invitation... The slam depended mainly one finding the king of spaces. The odds favored a one-one split in the spade suit, but a finesse through West was certainly a possibility.

The fact, however, that declaren; needed to ruff five cards in h dummy (four hearts and one clubni after discarding a chib on the ace of hearts) made the play of the ace. of spades at trick two the bettero chance. When the king fell single-it; ton, the juniors had won the battle...

### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- **ACROSS** 1 War artist? (6,7) 10 Mother checks out but
- doesn't leave (7)
- 11 Domestically unstable (7) 12 Morsel for a cat (4)
- 13 Stop being stuffy (5)
- 14 Hands back in exchange (4) 17 A sitter changes dresses (7) 18 Leave a bar with a
- university man (7)
- 19 Plans a football pool's entry
- that's a winner (5,2) 22 News item-a certain
- favourite comes last (7) 24 Primate seen around Sunday in church (4)
- lightning (5) 26 Man-of-war! (4) 29 Had he an attic studio?
- 30 Model lass and her footwear? (7)
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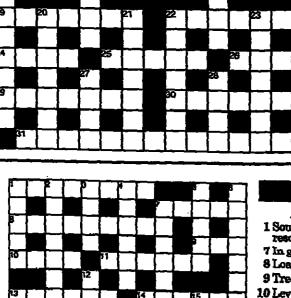
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- gardeners (7) 3 She opens up when it gets dark (4)
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- exchange (7) 5 Inability to recall a name is upsetting (7)
- 6 Latin American holds the 25 Runs away from flashes of title (4) 7 Given an income, but at the finish was in debt (7)
  - 8 Stir food (5,3,5)
  - 9 Needle-worker found in practice (18)
  - 15 Angry enough to change 16 Worn by a sailor in a blow?
  - 20 When overseas, GI is
  - without a weapon (7) 21 Keep going for pine (7)
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# Herbs, wonderful herbs

MAGINE walking along a garden path bordered with fra-Lgrant flowering herbs. Each plant has been chosen with care. The result is an artful profusion of shapes, sizes, colors, and textures which delight the eye as well as the nose. What a lovely place to walk, satisfying all the senses. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said that a weed is a plant whose virtues are not yet known to us. and so it is with herbs.

Herba is the Latin name for grass, but today, herbs are understood to be not just any grass. We consider an herb to be any plant or part thereof which can be used for

Herbs cannot be taken like pills to cure an ailment, of course. Indeed, some herbs are harmful if ingested and cannot be considered medicines in the literal sense of the word. But in another sense, all plants can be considered as having some value for sustaining life. Although the origins of herbal healing are lost in antiquity, it is generally verifiable that in all cultures around the world, people have known about and experimented with the curative powers

GARDENING **INEZ KLIMIST** 

of the plants growing around them. In almost all mythologies and cultural epics, there are one or more deities who are credited with the knowledge of healing plants. Modern science is beginning to research and verify herbal reme-

dies, renewing interest in their use. Using the healing qualities of the plants in our own gardens serves a double purpose. In these difficult times, the mere act of tending our gardens is itself

a healing and life-affirming process. It's also an escape from worry and stress. Let me entice you. Even a beginning gardener, the kind claiming to have "a black thumb" instead of a green one, can successfully raise

come before the harvest. PICK A small corner, dig in a bit, break up the heavy clumps and pull out some weeds. Throw in a bag or two of compost, and mix it all together. Never mind the gar-

herbs. It's a good way to start gar-

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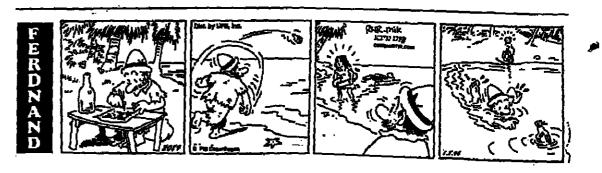
The plants needn't be large or expensive. They will grow very quickly. Pick a few of your, favorites, and one or two you've never tried. Pick some for cooking.

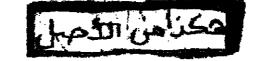
- parsley, chives, marjoram or

sage - and some to put in your tea, such as louisa, mint and chamomile. Choose some that, will add color to your garden, patch. Get easy ones: calendula, which you can use in your salad, or French marigolds. These are all, but indestructible.

Make a hole a bit larger than the pot in which you bought the plant. Spank the pot to loosen the soil. Gently lift the plant out of the pot, and directly into the hole. Hold it, by the stem. With your hands. gently pat the soil around the stem; and carefully water it. Don't plant; them too close together, give them; room to spread out as they grow. Tend these small plants faithful-

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# Frankly, my dear, Atlanta is well worth a visit

**TOM GROSS** 

TLANTA is billing itself as "The Next Great International City." It is already home to companies with worldwide impact, such as CNN and Coca-Cola; its airport is now the world's third busiest; final preparations for this summer's huge centenary Olympics are well underway; and, perhaps inspired by Scarlett O'Hara from Gone with the Wind, singer Madonna announced she may be moving

If so, she will join a host of other celebrities, such as Elton John and Whitney Houston, who have already made the city their principal or second home.

And to cap it all, a major new Jewish museum will open soon. Frankly, my dears, Atlanta is well worth a visit.

The dynamism projected by Atlanta's sleek, glass skyscrapers is combined with a leisurely spirit generated by the majestic columns, neatly-trimmed lawns and exquisitely laid-out flower beds of its big plantation-type houses.

City refinement blends with Southern graciousness and hospitality, and while it is perhaps not worth specially visiting from Israel (unless, of course, you can make it to the Olympics), a twoor three-day stopover in this happening and rather charming city is well worthwhile if you are going to be in the States anyway.

To see the city, hiring a car is a must, since Atlanta is spread over a large geographical area, linked by freeways of up to six lanes in each direction, some with distinctly local names such as Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Bobby Brown Boulevard.

Completely reconstructed after it was razed to the ground by General Sherman's forces during the Civil War in 1865, Atlanta has long been a bustling commercial center. But it is also a very pretty

There is a stunning variety of skyscrapers, many the work of John Portman, the outstanding and innovative modern architect who almost single-handedly redesigned the Atlanta skyline. The freeways are lined with tall green pine and oak trees towering into the sky, and the city itself is clean, neat and very green, especially in spring, when the many flowers that dot the city bloom into life. or a well to he glimbe

'Atlanta's beautiful year-round warm weather adds to the feeling of gentility, which is reflected in the tendency to name things in



When tall trees are not lining the Atlanta sidewalks, equally high elevated shop signs do, catering to just about every taste, from 'Virtual world' (for computers) to

Atlanta after the peach, Georgia's state symbol, though locals say that you never actually see a peach tree in the city.

Condom sense' (an adult shop).

There's a Peachtree center, street, road, circle, fountain, plaza, bowl, and the peach even forms the "o" in Georgia car license plates, except for the newest models, on which the peach has been enterprisingly replaced by the Olympic flame.

While in the city, a visit to an all-American diner like the Waffle House - a genuine Southern institution, open 24 hours, and unfairly nicknamed The Aahfull Waahfuli" on Saturday Night Live - is an experience not to be

As you series it's hard to avoid movie scenes zipping across your mind such as the hold-up in Pulp Fiction and the fake orgasm in When Harry Met Sally, and interacting with the waiting staff is an integral part of the dining experi-

Old-fashioned Southern good manners are much in evidence, and addressing the waitress as "Ma'am" is near compulsory. Trying to adapt as well as pos-

THIS tone, a new Jewish Rentage Museum opens in Adanta at the Selig Center, 1440 Spring Street

(Tel., 404.873-1661). It will house an extensive

exhibition entitled The Jews of Atlanta: From

1845 to the Present
The exhibition, previously on show at the Atlanta

History Center, is informative, interesting and col-orbilly presented. Besides exploring the communi-

this considerable achievements in the city's arts and

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sible to the local culture, I plucked up courage and said : 'Ma'am, I'll have hash browns. Scattered, covered, chunked, topped and diced." My waitress complimented me in return. "You got it down pat," she said, and later bade me farewell with a cheery "See ya soon, y'all."

in 1915 after a Christian girl went missing (Frank was positionnously pandened in 1980); and the bounting of an Allanda synagogic in 1958, after a rabbi had campaigned in support of back livil

rights.

Also of particular interest as the inflamentive exhibition of the lummy Carter Presidential Library and Conter, which includes Carter Survey and handwritten letters to Menachem Regarded Anway Salita during the Camp David peace nego-

BESIDES the Jewish Heritage Museum, there are plenty of other places worth visiting. The Atlanta History Center houses interesting permanent exhibitions detailing the local past, from the Indian settlements and cotton fields to civil rights and CNN.

And you can see the inner workings of the world's newest superpower by taking a CNN studio tour (every 15 minutes daily, but with limited numbers, so it's advisable to book ahead, phone 404-827-2300).

You can peer down into the newsroom while the station is on air and observe the technical and production wizards at work as they broadcast "to their viewers around the world." If you're there around lunchtime, you may get to appear as part of the audience on Talkback Live, filmed in the CNN building shopping concourse.

You can also tour the governor's mansion, a grand old house built in the Greek Revival Style (in the 1920s, but it looks older), and learn about the histo-

ry of Atlanta's most famous invention and the world's most famous soft drink at the World of Coca-Cola. Housed in a threestory pavilion, the exhibition includes classic advertising designs, 1930s vintage soda fountains and jukeboxes that play Coca-Cola jingles.

If you go to Atlanta for this summer's Olympic Games, you will also be able to enjoy the timeless treasures of Tara. CNN tycoon Ted Turner, "The Mouth from the South," is currently building a "Congruid the National Congruid to N building a "Gone with the Wind" theme park west of the city, which is scheduled to open this spring. (The publishers of Margaret Mitchell's epic story claim, incidentally, that it is the second bestselling book in the world, after the

Another famous Atlantan was Martin Luther King. The shrine to him at 449 Auburn Avenue is the US's third most-visited monument (after New York's Statue of Liberty and Philadelphia's Liberty

An interesting district to drive through is Marietta, a white working-class area 15km. from the city center. In many respects this is still redneck country, the land of the Klan, full of pick-up trucks, cowboy-boot stores, and gals with wide, Julia Roberts-type grins which isn't surprising since Julia herself grew up there.

There is plenty of shopping to be done in Atlanta. There are two newish, well designed and very large centers, the recently refurbished Phipps Plaza (with highclass, pricey fashion) and the nearby Lenox Square center, which has more casual wear (Banana Republic, Gap, etc). You can also now pick up a good deal of Olympic merchandise on sale all around town.

There are plenty of restaurants for every taste. Pick up a local guidebook to see what takes your fancy but be sure to try delicious Southern soul food, such as fried chicken, baked beans and candied yams with corn bread or grits and ice tea to wash it all down.

Two offbeat restaurants to consider are The Varsity (61 North Avenue), which opened in 1928 and claims to be the world's largest drive-in restaurant, serving 16,000 customers a day; and Pasqual Brothers (on Martin Luther King Drive), where the civil-rights leaders used to meet for strategy-planning sessions in the 1960s. But try this one at lunchtime, when the district is safe, rather than at

# Airlines in Britain worried by violent passengers

HE four British passengers started attacking each other shortly after their holiday flight took off from Morocco. Soon they were locked in a vicious brawl which sent waves of panic through the aircraft.

But when the Royal Air Maroc jet eventually landed in Manchester the combatants were allowed to walk free.

The fight was very distressing for everyone on board, but we had to let the four go. The airline couldn't believe it, nor could the passengers," said Kevin Hart, a senior police officer at Manchester airport.

A loophole in British law means authorities cannot prosecute those who commit offences on board foreign-registered aircraft, short of kidnapping or murder.

Hart, who is also chairman of the Association of UK Airport Police Commanders, is worried about officers' inability to act at a time when airlines around the world are reporting a growing number of violent in-flight inci-

Major foreign airlines operating in Britain are so fed up at seeing troublemakers walk free that they have banded together to try to push a bill closing the loophole through parliament.

Peter North, chief executive for the Board of Airline Representatives UK says some thing must be done before a violent

passenger causes a plane to crash. "In one sense we've been lucky. No one has opened an emergency exit at 30,000 feet and downed an

aircraft," he said. Airlines have traditionally been unwilling to publicize violent incidents for fear of deterring potential passengers but unofficial evidence suggests the number of cases is climbing.

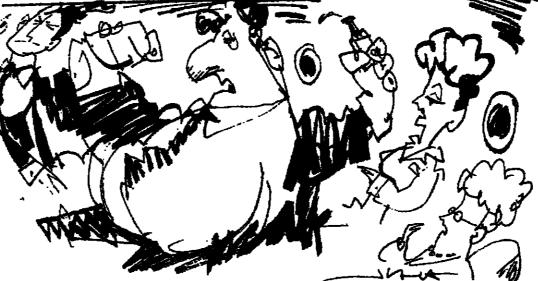
Oantas security manager Reginald Brothers, one of the prime movers behind the private bill, said he was spurred into action after a British man assaulted one of the airline's stewards on a flight in 1993, breaking a cheekbone and several teeth.

The airline pursued the case for two years through the civil courts

before giving up.
The cases will continue and we should be in a position to pursue complaints in a criminal court even if we only get one a year," Brothers said.

The foreign airlines say Britain should have taken advantage of a 1967 convention signed in Tokyo by most of the world's major nations which paved the way for signatories to introduce tough laws to clamp down on extra-territorial offences.

A British Home Office spokesman said airlines' representations were being considered as part of an internal review on the



The Tokyo convention permits us to introduce jurisdiction, but

doesn't oblige us to," he said.

Airline officials say alcohol is to blame for most of the problems but say that in an era of cut-throat competition it would be commercial suicide to cut back on serving

"Airline customers require the airline to provide drink as part of the service. That same customer requires a restaurant in any part of the world to do the same," said

Brothers.

Hart fears the potential for trouble will be especially high in the run-up to the European soccer championships, due to be held in England from June 8-30, which will attract thousands of supporters from 14 countries.

"All the fans are coming to Britain and we can't do anything about the incidents which take place on foreign airlines," he said. British law does cover offences

carried out on board British-registered planes, as Uruguayan busi-

nessman Carlos Hugo Almeida-Gutierrez discovered to his cost

last year. He was jailed for 14 days after indecently harassing three passengers on board a British Airways jet and then drunkenly trying to throttle a steward.

Last year Britannia Airways,

Britain's leading charter airline, successfully sued a passenger for the equivalent of NIS 80,000 after he forced a jet to make an emergency landing during a fight with his girlfriend. But Britain is still out of step

with the United States, Canada and Australia, all of which have laws allowing the prosecution of all in-flight offenders - some of whom will live forever in the annals of the bizarre.

US investment banker Gerard Finneran agreed to pay \$49,000 to United Airlines in February after assaulting a flight attendant and then defecating on a service trolley before using linen towels as

toilet paper. Last year a group of 18 British and Irish tourists were detained and then expelled after running amok aboard a Northwest Airlines flight from London to the US, attacking other passengers and hurling food at crew members.

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# Likudniks dive out of Sharm's way

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE week stood in the shadow of the Peacemakers' Conference in Sharm e-Sheikh and the tremendous support and sympathy for Israel it

Anyone who was anybody was there, or on his way there. Nobody could talk about anything else - even CNN was swamped and gave over most of the opening day, without commercial breaks, to the event. After the horrors of the previous weeks, this political extravaganza was the only show in

Despite the presence of 14 Arab delegations, all the great-power leaders, and a media blitz, the Likud opted to treat this "new Middle East" event with scorn. Likud leaders piled up the epithets - a masquerade, a conference to save Peres's neck, a whitewashing exer-

President Clinton (formerly Israel's greatest friend) suddenly became an 'interferer" in Israel's internal affairs. MK Ariel Sharon said the conference would not save a single soul in Israel. Louder than the noise came the silence

of the Likud's leader, Binyamin Netanyahu. Strange indeed, mused members in the Knesset, since he is known as "Mr. Terrorism" himself - by virtue of a book of essays on the subject under his name and his past enthusiasm for concerted international action to fight terrorism.

It was even admitted in Metzudat Ze'ev that had Bibi been prime minister at such a critical time, he may have beaten Hosni Mubarak to initiating just such

Surely it couldn't be mere sour grapes?

If the conference was good for the State of Israel, then it must be good for the opposition, and the Likud should welcome it, columnist Tommy Lapid told Likud's former Washington ambassador Zalman Shoval on Popolitika Monday night.

Next morning, Netanyahu went on air with his first positive comment on the conference - leaving Likud colleagues to wipe egg off their faces. For the rest of the week, they clammed up like schoolboys reprimanded by the head-



David Levy and Bibi Netanyahu: A bridge too far?

So are the Likud MKs who scorned the conference completely out of sync with their leader? Or just embarrassed? Unless, of course, it was a neatly planned routine - as in good cop, bad

Another outbreak of sour grapes erupted in Jerusalem, at the presidential residence, no less. A peevish President Ezer Weizman decided there would be no "hello, haver" from him when Clinton arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport, because the reception ceremony wasn't being held in Jerusalem.

Next to succumb was Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert who ordered Jerusalem schools not to send children to greet Clinton in Tel Aviv. So was he too boycotting the president of the United States?

Of course not. As Olmert said, it was Clinton who was boycotting Jerusalem! DIGNIFIED DAN

One prominent Likudnik who pointedly refused to condemn the anti-terrorism conference was MK Dan Meridor, when he appeared on Channel 2's televised confrontation with Foreign Minister Ehud Barak.

A stranger in these parts would have had difficulty guessing which of the two represented right or left. Both were impeccably polite, atten-

tive, open-minded, and as terribly reasonable to the limits expected of rising politicians. On some issues - terrorism, for

instance - Meridor seemed even more dovish than Barak. In previous elections, Meridor's moderate, liberal views and civilized

demeanor earned him Likud scorn as a "leftist." Hate notices were circulated

against him, and he barely managed to squeeze into the party primaries third group of 10.

But times have changed. Today, as Likud strains for more center ground on the political map, "moderate" is no longer a dirty word. Meridor has metamorphosed into a Likud darling, anointed by surveys as one of the party's three most popular Knesset candidates.

Prodded by moderator Dan Shilon, Meridor launched an acid attack on Shimon Peres, yet could not find a good word to say about his own leader, Bibi. Instead, he saved his praise for the Likud's "leading team."

Barak, by contrast, had no hesitation in warmly praising Peres, but somehow couldn't bring himself to commend his colleagues in Labor's "leading team."

It was no surprise that the two civilized gentlemen scored a tie in most aspects of the polled confrontation.

THE LIKUD STRIKES BACK Domestically the Sharm conference may have been Labor's show, but Likud managed to stage the dramatic climax of the Likud-Tsomet-Gesher soap opera the day before the conference opened.

Television cameras zoomed in on yet one more historic Middle East handshake - that of Bibi and David Levy after three years of bitter marital strife that eventually ended in a brief divorce.

Since that day when Levy stormed out of Likud he has not exchanged one word with Bibi, though he has recorded some words about him - "empty vessel," "a man whose moral scale is base and dangerous," someone who "shoots from the hip." Bibi, à la Levy, was also the worst

thing ever to happen to the Likud, a leader without direction or alternative

Bibi's "compliments" to Levy have Bibi's "compliments" to Levy have been equally causic. Many in Likud still fervently agree with both of them.

Likud MKs are still regling from Netanyahu's union with komet and Gesher which has wiped 14 of them off the Knesset hist to seat Levy and Raful stooges. The next Likud faction in the Knesset will have few authentic

Nobody dared raise a square at the exorbitant price Bibi paid to clear Levy and Raful off his path to the premiership. But the Likud's four 'princes' ship But the Liknd's rour partial Meridor, Benny Begin, Ehud Olmert and Uzi Landau — were pointedly 20 absent from the shake-and-mate-up-w сетещолу.

eremony.

For consolation, Likud MKs are in smacking their lips in anticipation of or watching Levy promote his former and a foe as the best possible man to be prime 10 minister...

> BRIDGE UNDER TROUBLED WATER

Gurgling in the rapids were left the da sinking artists, authors, Sephardi work al ing-class idealists, and other planks of de Levy's collapsed Gesher ("Bridge") di party.

These headless chickens gathered to a

try setting up another social movement, ad New Israel, to salvage the ideology so an cynically dumped by Levy for the

enlightened philosophy of self-interest.

Dozens of Gesher activists, led by 50, intellectuals of Sephandi origin, condemned Levy as a trailor to those who had believed in him and to the hopes be had cynically aroused in voters seeking a different kind of leader.

Many believe Levy had his campaign for Likud mapped out all along, and Gesher was one of those false military structures built only to confuse the enemy (Bibi) and force him to capitu-

"If I were Levy, I would be ashamed it; to show my face in public," said Professor Rafaela Byelsky Ben-Hur, " one of Gesher's more prominent JE

"His political career is through. He will never regain his integrity after betraying those who took him as a symbol of decency, integrity and responsibility."

# Bill goes bonkers over bagels

THAT does US President Bill Clinton like for breakfast? Believe it or not, cinnamon-raisin bagels. The Laromme Hotel, which "US Secretary of State Warren Christopher initiated as home away from home for high-ranking US government officials, this week placed a special order with Bonkers, the American-style bagelry operated by Reuven Kahane and David Cohen, who

Christopher prefers carrot muffins, for which the hotel also placed a special order with the same firm. When last in Jerusalem a few weeks ago, Christopher sampled Bonkers' chocolate-chip and cinnamon-apple muffirs. Whipping up Bob Dole's favorite flavor may still be premature.

WHILE CLINTON stayed at the Laromme, the 200-member White House press corps was posted across town at the Jerusalem Renaissance Hotel, where the ballroom was turned into a communications center with 200 direct telephone and fax lines,

GREER FAY CASHMAN

plus individual broadcast booths. In addition, arrangements were made to provide food and bever- At its own initiative, the hotel ages around the clock. It just happened that hotel banqueting manager Lenny Davidman is abroad. but we managed to get everything done anyway," said public relations manager Tiki Mula. The ballroom became available when Yad Sarah, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary, decided in view of the recent terrorist attacks, to postpone its gala dinner. The venue has also changed, and will probably be the Laromme.

WHEN A leadership delegation representing the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, followed up on its annual mission to Israel with a visit to Qatar, participants took food and a Torah scroll from Israel. Neither chairman Leon Levynor executive vice chairman Malcolm Roenlein had put in any special requests to the hotel, but

the management of the Sheraton Doha about the basics of kashrut. supplied new crockery and flatware for its Jewish guests. The delegation met with the emir, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, and Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Jassem bin Jabr al-Thani.

VISIBLY LESS yuppified than their Tel Aviv counterparts, some 100 younger business executives. bankers, lawyers, et al., represent-ing a good chunk of the capital's economic muscle, convened at the International Jerusalem Convention Center (Binyenei Ha'uma) last Friday for the inauguration of the New Generation

Jerusalem Economic Forum. The overwhelming majority of the founding members were born after the establishment of the state. entering a business world totally different from that of their parents. Some are second-, third- or even fourth-generation managers of

family businesses, which means that in addition to being young and upwardly mobile, they have the added advantage of old money. Danny Angel, CEO of Angel's Bakery and its nationwide restanrant subsidiary, and head of the senior Jerusalem Economic Forum founded in 1963, welcomed the infusion of new blood.

underground railway system.

include Nadav Lisovsky, deputy manager of Bank Leumi's Jerusalem and southern region mortgage department; Yaron Kimche, manager of the Jerusalem branch of the Israel Manufacturers' Association; and Ya'acov Edri, deputy director of Moriah construction and roadworks. Latecomers found all the tables occupied and had to wait around until another table was set up for them. The exception was

The New Generation JEF, in

addition to providing opportunities for business networking, will also function as a social group and will organize group familiarization tours for members interested in making contacts abroad. Aiready on the books is an upcoming tour to London. Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, though ill, attended and disclosed that the city is at an advanced stage of negotiations with the Treasury and the Transport Ministry for the creation of an

New Generation initiators Finance Minister Avraham

The singer Rita puts a smile on the face of Keren Simantov, a victim of the recent terror attacks.

A LITTLE knowledge can be frightening, as Reuven Hazan The Hebrew discovered. University political scientist had been invited to speak by the Joint Political Education Committee, founded by all the English-speaking immigrant associations to enlighten voters about the upcoming elections. Hazan disclosed to his audience something that was

both enlightening and frightening: neither politicians nor party functionaries really know how pri-

SPEAKING AT the World Association of Cooks' Societies

press conference, Gideon Efrati general manager of the Jerusalem Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, which hosted the WACS Congress, observed, "We host different congresses every week, but this is the tastiest we've ever had." PLAYING IT safe. Sigal Elimelech on Wednesday married Uri Malmillian, the former soc-

cer star and one of the capital's most elusive bachelors. But she arrived at the Holiday Inn on Tuesday. She wanted to make sure that - even if some of the 1,000 invitees couldn't make it through the traffic restrictions imposed for the Clinton visit - the bride would definitely be on hand.

THE COMPERE of next Monday's Miss Israel contest is Gilat Ankori, who stars in Ramaa Aviv Gimmel, the local soap revolving around the modeling industry. Given the fact that this is the industry best represented by the contestants, the choice could not have been more appropriate.

The winner, by the way, will not be crowned by her predecessor, but by Tel Aviv Mayor Romi Miloat a gala event, the proceeds from which will go to Variety.

THOUGH HEARTENED by the visits of international dignitaries, many of the injured recuperating from the recent spate of terrorism perked up beyond mere politeness when entertainers showed up at hospital bedsides. For Keren Simantov, who will have quite a long wait before she is discharged Hadassah-University Hospital, it was a dream come true when songstress Rita and husband composer/musician Rami Kleinstein came by to say hello. 10 Simantov had never anticipated 101 singing a duet with Rita – and in a hospital of all places. It was the best medicine she'd had all week.

THE ONLY Jewish journalist traveling with the press entourage of Turkish President Suleyman Demirel, Istanbul-born Susan Tarablus had a linguistic edge over her colleagues. A frequent visitor to Israel, Tarablus speaks 🔥 fluent Hebrew. In addition to co. working for general publications, Tarablus edits Shalom, the only publication of the 25,000-member 1? Turkish-Jewish community.

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# Foreign debt falls as share of GDP

Jerusalem Post Staff

ISRAEL'S foreign debt in 1995 was \$19.8 billion, or 22 percent of Gross Domestic Product, a nominal increase of 1.7% in comparison with the previous year, but a decline of 3% in terms of its share of the GDP, according to the Bank of Israel's foreign exchange department's annual report.

The foreign debt decline as a share of the GDP, despite the lack of sharp fluctuations in the shekel's exchange rate, reflects the economy's real growth.

As for the debt's nominal growth, executives in the central bank attributed it to increased net liabilities of the non-financial

private sector, whose commercial credit expanded last year by \$1.2b. and totaled \$6.5b.

Loans taken by other borrowers, primarily the government, grew last year by \$800m., most of which was raised in US capital markets, where \$500m. was raised with US loan guarantees and \$250m. in the debt markets. .

As of the end of 1995, the state had borrowed \$4.9b. backed by US guarantees. That leaves another \$5.1b. in the guarantee framework, which was sauctioned by the Bush administration shortly after Rabin rose to

### Vote on IEC request delayed

**EVELYN GORDON** 

THE Knesset Finance Committee postponed a vote yesterday on the Israel Electric Corporation's request for NIS 1.6 billion in state guarantees, saying it first wanted more information about the company's

The IEC asked for the guarantees, because it cannot get any more loans from local banks without them, due to restrictions on how much they are allowed to lend to a single borrower.

In total, the company plans investments of some NIS 3.9 billion this year, of which NIS 550 million will be borrowed from foreign banks and NIS 1.75 billion will be raised via bond issues. The remaining NIS 1.6b. is slated to be borrowed from Israeli banks.





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# Supplementary kibbutz debt deal ready for signing

THE kibbutzim, the banks, and the Treasury plan to sign the sup-plementary arrangement for kibbutz debt on Tuesday, following decisions by the United Kibbutz Movement and Hakibbutz Ha'artzi to support a draft agreement which was hammered out

this week. The large banks and kibbutzim's negotiating committees have agreed on most of the issues which prevented the signing of the agreement, in which the government and the banks have pledged significant amounts to erase additional kibbutz debts, which in recent years have threateacd some kibbutzim with insolvency.

Sources close to the negotiations said several last-minute technical problems remain, but in all likelihood will be worked out by Sunday.

The UKM emphasized that approval of the debt arrangement plan is supported by its secretariat and management, but remains subject to the approval of move-

POLGAT, a subsidiary of Clal

Israel, completed 1995 with a net

loss of NIS 18.4 million, com-

pared with a net profit of

The loss was mainly due to the

closer of the Ouman knitwear

factory in Ofakim in December,

after many years of successive

losses. The closing of the factory

led to a one-time loss of

NIS 15.6m., which increased the

NIS 23.7m. in 1994.

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ment beadquarters. Zvi Ben-Moshe, UKM secretary, said that after the joint committees reach a final agreement, each party will have one month to receive the relevant authorities'

In the meantime, the Procaccia Report, which alleges banks overcharged the kibbutzim for loans, will be presented to the Hakibbutz Ha'artzi and the Settlement Headquarters today. The report is not expected to delay the signing of the debt arrange-

Ben-Moshe said the arrangement includes a clause which gives outlying kibbutzim 10 months-14 months to verify their debts, while kibbutzim in the cenler of the country will be granted an even longer period. The UKM emphasized it will assist kibbutzim interested in checking their debt. According to the proposal, the banks and kibbutzim will have no claims against each other

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after they sign the deal. The proposed arrangement does not place any conditions on the number of kibbutzim that will take part in the arrangement.

during the next few months. According to the UKM, outlying kibbutzim, which have accumulated the highest debts, are expected to be the first to sign the

arrangement.

The banks forecast about 75 per-

cent of the kibbutzim will join

Sources close to the sale of Bank Hapoalim, said the signing of the agreement is expected to push forward its sale to the Claridge-Arison group. MI Holdings, the government company in charge of the sale, and the Claridge-Arison consortium has negotiated the purchase of a controlling share in the bank over the last few months. But, the delay in signing the debt arrangement has prevented the buyers from evaluating the financial affect of the arrangement on Hapoalim. Bank Hapoalim's share in the kibbutz debt is estimated at 60%.

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In the reported period, sales

increased to NIS 564.3m. com-

pared with NIS 537.2m., up 5

percent. The growth was primari-

ly due to higher sales on the do-

Cost of sales grew to

NIS 435.6m. from NIS 394.9m.

Management said the rise reflects

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crease its share of local and inter-

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Financing expenses increased

to NIS 13.8m. compared with

• Machteshim has announced that

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NIS 1.4b., up from NIS 1.22b.

Fourth quarter net profits fell to NIS 842,000 from NIS 3.4m.

in 1994. Quarterly revenues were

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The company reported annual revenue of NIS 683.22m. from

Exports to North America

made up 28% of the Machteshim

group's total annual sales; Eu-

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General manager Shlomo Unis

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# Demirel visits IAI

**WORLD BRIEFS** 

Danish toymaker wants more Legolands: Danish toy giant Lego said yesterday it would like to build versions of its Legoland theme park throughout the world, but contrary to media reports said it had no firm plans beyond two already

announced. "The British park at Windsor will open on March

1999. Beyond that we have hopes but no plans," a

29 and a second park is due to open in San Diego, California in

Daewoo to invest \$80m. in Warsaw plant: Daewoo will invest

\$80 million this year in its newly founded joint-venture Daewoo

"The company will manufacture between 30,000 and 40,000

Tico and Espero cars at its Warsaw plant this year with Daewoo

Readers Digest cuts 100 jobs: Reader's Digest said yesterday it

will cut 100 jobs at its Westchester County, NY headquarters as

part of a downsizing announced in late January. The layoffs

will affect editors, researchers, assistants, supervisors,

secretaries and others, director of public relations Craig

Lowder said. The cuts at the company's headquarters in

Pleasantville, NY, are part of 1,000 worldwide layoffs

FSO Motor Ltd, that will assemble up to 40,000 compact and

subcompact cars this year, a deputy industry minister said.

investing in the same time about \$80 million," Deputy

Industry Minister Tadeusz Soroka said. Daewoo made a

commitment to invest a total of \$1,121b. in the following

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

TURKISH President Suleyman Demirel visited the Israel Aircraft Industries yesterday to demonstrate his support for the relationship that has been blooming between both countries' aircraft industries since the summer.

announced earlier this year.

seven years, he added.

In August, the Turkish Ministry of Defense and IAI signed a \$600 million, five-year agreement for IAI to upgrade 54 Turkish Phantoms based on the IAF's Phantom 2000 combat aircraft. During the first-ever visit of a Turkish president to IAI, Demirel said he hopes this agreement is just the beginning of joint projects between the two countries. Highlighting the changes in the political atmosphere in the region, Demirel said the agreement signals a new stage in the

relationship between Turkey and

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### China attacks US for 'double standard' on wheat

terday attacked the US Depart- from wheat states wrote to Chiment of Agriculture's grain quar- na's leaders criticizing its TCK antine policy as hegemonic and quarantine as "unscientific". said it revealed double standards in the import and export of fungus-infected wheat.

net profits last year rose 19.5 per-cent over 1994, from NIS 64.9 About 2.1 million tons of US wheat purchased by China, the dated annual revenues were world's biggest wheat importer, Earnings per share were has yet to be shipped, because of a US outbreak of karnel bunt

> The pending shipments are among \$120 million of US wheat exporters have been unable to ship abroad since discovery last week of infected wheat seeds, US officials said.

Officials of China's Foreign Trade Ministry, quoted by Xinhua news agency, said controver-sy over the stalled shipments revealed "double standards" in US policy toward China.

On December 20, the unidentified officials said, 23 members of Congress from five wheat-growing states lobbied Washington about concerns over karnel bunt in Mexican wheat.

The US government decided as a result to postpone its importation of wheat from Mexico,"

the ministry said. That case clashed, it said, with US policy toward China, which has long refused to accept ship-ments of US wheat tainted with the fungus TCK, or tilletia con-

troversa kuhu. On December 12, the ministry

BEIJING (Reuter) - China west said, 30 members of Congress

China rebuked Washington for citing the TCK quarantine as grounds to place China on a "Super 301 watch list" under the US Trade Act, the first step toward punishing a country for erecting unfair trade barriers.

Calling the US policy "hege-monic," the Trade Ministry said: "This act by the United States should be condemned.'

TCK has dogged bilateral ties since the 1970s when China began importing US wheat. It flared in 1995 during a row

over still stalled China's bid to join the World Trade Organization. 'Taking the refusal of China [to import TCK wheat] as one

technical barrier affecting bilateral trade, the US began to relate the dispute with China's ... entry to the WTO, coercing Chins to make a 'political decision,' " the ministry said. "Frustrated by China's hard stance, the US side has altered its

tactics since last year, labeling the TCK dispute 'a political issue' instead of a 'technical problem,' It said Washington initially re-

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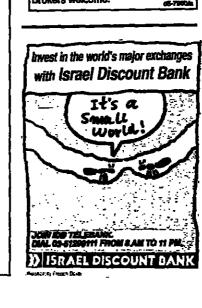
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STOCK indexes fell during the week amid concern that company earning reports will reveal lower than expected profits. Israeli companies traded in the US declined, further weighing on

stocks. Yesterday, shares were little changed as investors waited for February's consumer price index, due to be released today. The index is expected to show prices rose 0.6 percent, said Avi Meir, investment manager at Tel Aviv's

Israel General Bank. At that rate, the Bank of Israel is not expected to announce lower interest rates, Meir said.

The Maof Index fell 0.07% to 213.56 and the Two-Sided Index fell 0.05% to 203.84. During the week, the Maof fell 1% and the Two-Sided fell 1.1%.

Of 992 issues traded yesterday, three shares rose for every two that fell. Some NIS 68m. worth of shares traded, NIS 11.4m. below Wednesday's level and about NIS 10m. below the month's

The investment firm Salomon Brothers released a report appraising the Tel Aviv Stock Ex-

change as "a strong long-term in

vestment opportunity."

"In the near term - up to the May elections - we expectalistic to improvement in the market, given high real interest rates and political uncertainty, despite generally excellent 1995 company earning results," Salomon's said. Thus, a weak Israeli market is offering investors opportunities... to buy Israeli shares at unusually

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attractive valuations." Companies with falling prices after announcing disappointing results included Clal Electronic Industries, which fell 1.25%. The company said its fourth-quarter net income fell 16% from the

quarter last year. Other declining shares on the Maof Index included Koor, which fell 0.25% as NIS 6m.

worth of shares changed hands. "It seems Koor will have lower profits," Meir said.

Elbit fell 1.25%. Also declin-Elbit fell 1.25%. Also declin-ing were Bank Leumi and Bank. Hapoalim, both fell 1.25%. On the Two Sided Index, Isra-

el Discount Bank, which began trading this week, fell 1%. (Bloomberg)

# UK shares end higher following NY's opening

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON - UK shares ended higher, lifted by a firmer start on Wall Street, steady bonds, upbeat corporate news and renewed bid speculation. Investor sentiment remained cautious ahead of Friday's expiration of stock option and futures contracts in both the UK and the US. The FISE 100 index finished 41.5 points up at 3,681.8.

FRANKFURT - German shares close bourse trade practically unchanged, with trade in a tight range. Bundesbank decision eave key interest rates unchanged makes no impact on market. All eyes now look to US producer prices for February due yesterday, and today's futures options expiry. Consolidated Bunds and weaker dollar seen neutral. The DAX index closed up 0.11 points at 2,426.49. In post-bourse trade the DAX index stood at 2,432.46.

PARIS - French shares ended higher after a see-saw day on a firmer Wall Street after fresh US data, traders said there had been little appetite to take fresh posi-tions after recent volatility. The market shrugged off news the Bundesbank and the Bank of France leaving rates unchanged. The CAC-40 index closed up 18.11 points or 0.93 percent to 1,962.41.

ZURICH - Swiss shares ended firmer in active trade but slightly below the day's early highs. Industrial shares and insurers led

the market higher while banks remained neglected or traded lower. The Broad SPI index rose 11.01 points to end at 2,282.63.

TORYO - Shares in Tokyo ended higher, helped by a strong advance in Keisei Electric Railways which encouraged some players. Yet brokers said the market was likely to remain in its recent doldrims in the near future amid uncertainties over the 1996/97 budget. The 225-share Nikkei average finished up 188.96 points, or 0.96 percent, at

19,923.66. HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks closed sharply higher on a late bout of bargain hunting after recent hefty losses on jitters over the Taiwan situation. The bluechip Hang Seng Index jumped 202.27 points, or 1.97 percent, to

close at 10,451.75. SYDNEY - The Australian share market ended just higher having spent the day whipsawing around square in tandem with a gyrating March SPI futures contract. The All Ordinaries index closed 1.5 points higher at

JOHANNESBURG - South African shares ended a quiet day mixed, with industrials retracing earlier gains to end marginally softer in futures-related trade and golds up on a weaker rand. The all-share index was up 2.5 points to 6,664.6, the industrial index shed 5.5 points to 8,271.4 and the gold index gained 22.2 points to 1,796.3.

# Blue chips end higher, boosted by good news

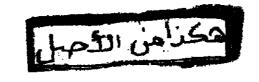
WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bluechip stocks ended with doubledigit gains yesterday as a drop in wholesale prices in February reassured Wall Street that inflation was still in check.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial

average closed up 17.34 points at ? 5,586.06 after late profit-taking sparked a retreat from a high of-5,629.77. In the broader market, advancing issues beat declines 14-7. 9 on active trading of 492 million shares on the New York Stock

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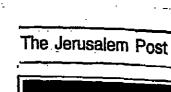
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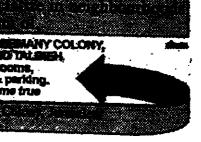
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More than 70 people were injured as police in riot gear fired tear gas to stop about 3,000 supporters of Archimandrite Pangratios Meraclis from approaching the palace, which had been cordoned off with barbed wire.

A hospital spokeswoman said 74 people - civilians and police had been brought in for treatment. Most were suffering from burning eyes from the tear gas, but some had head injuries from stones. Six were kept in for further treatment.

Eight demonstrators, four of them high-school students, were arrested.

Police said security has been tightened around Archbishop Chrysostomos of the Greek Orthodox Church after receiving anonymous tips that there were plans to harm him.

"Police received information of a threat against the Archbishop," deputy police chief Panicos Hadiiloizou said at a news conference. "It was [an] anonymous [tip] but it is being investigated."

Chrysostomos, 69, has been strongly criticized by supporters of the suspended cleric, 39-yearold Meraclis, whom he has threatened to defrock if the charges of homosexuality against Meraclis are verified.

Inside the palace, the island's bishops convened a second meeting against Meraclis, whose supporters threaten a revolt in the Greek Orthodox Church of

The meeting ended without a verdict. Two of three witnesses originally expected to attend did not appear. A taxi driver and a massage parlor owner testified against Meraclis on Monday.

Meraclis, who was smuggled out of the palace through a back door at the end of the one-hour meeting, was handed a "charge sheet" to which he has five days to answer in writing, one of his supporters said.

He did not give details of the charges, but said the bishops would issue their verdict after they receive answers. The holy synod announced Meraclis did not admit to the charges.

Crowds waiting for Meraclis to emerge were furious when they

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heard he had been taken out via a back exit.

Many of them pulled away the barbed wire separating them from police officers.

"These are the last days ... they are listening to adulterers and sinners instead of a holy man," said Antigone Markidou, a Miraclis supporter. "Look at the way they are trying to control the

Demonstrators screamed abuse at Chrysostomos when he appeared at a window on the first floor of the palace.

"Tommis [nickname for the Archbishop] you are the Antichrist, an adulterer," they shouted.

In several instances, police wearing masks and helmets were seen throwing objects at demonstrators. Tear gas was fired into narrow one-way alleys from which the crowds could not

Meraclis, who returned last week from self-exile in Greece, was elected by a large majority in the northwestern Morphou district to be its new bishop. The government and the is-

land's parliament, the House of Representatives, appealed for

# Russia attacks rebel base

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Russian troops and Chechen rehels exchanged mortar and automatic rifle fire in the center of the regional capital Grozny yesterday, and Russia launched air raids against a major separatist stronghold.

The clashes in Grozny took place as Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev visited the city to study the situation first-hand ahead of a meeting in the Kremlin today of the policy making Security Council.

The council, made up of top state and security officials, is due to consider a peace initiative which could be crucial for Presi-

Yeltsin is trailing Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov in opinion polls. The 15-month Chechnya conflict, in which more

election.

than 25,000 people have been killed, is widely regarded as his greatest handicap in the election Interfax news agency, reporting from Grozny, said rebels

interior ministry troops and pro-Moscow Chechen militia. "There has been some stabili-

dent Boris Yeltsin's chances of Chechen capital remains difficult," said Yuri Plugin, deputy winning a June 16 presidential interior minister of the Moscowbacked Chechen administration.

He told Interfax that snipers loyal to separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev remained active in Grozny more than a week after infiltrating the city and holding parts of it for up to four days.

ltar-Tass news agency said the rebels had opened fire on a Russian military checkpoint in Minutka Square from a nearby apartwere continuing to resist Russian ment block.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

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utka Square in the last 24 hours, Interfax said. Two Russian soldiers were killed in other incidents.

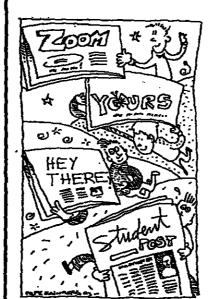
Minutka Square was the scene of fierce clashes between Russian troops and separatists in early 1995 when Moscow's troops captured Grozny, and again last week when the rebes launched their biggest counter-offensive

been killed by rebel fire in Min-

since the war started. The rebels mostly withdrew from Grozny over the weekend. Russia then turned its attention and its firepower on the western settlement of Bamut.

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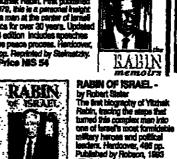
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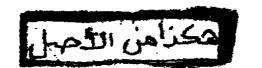
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# Warne inspires Australia to five-run All systems go for victory over West Indies

MCHALI, India (Reuter) - Shane Warne inspired a remarkable Australian World Cup semifinal win yesterday as West Indies col-lapsed when seeming certain of victory.

Faced with a meager Australian total of 207 for eight, West Indies crumbled from 165 for two to 202 all out with three balls of their 50 overs remaining.
Leg-spinner Warne finished

with four for 36, and Australia's success in a pulsating climax to the day-night match put them into Sunday's final against Sri Lanka in Lahore, Pakistan.

A stylish 80 from Shivnarine Chanderpaul seemed to have set West Indies coasting to an easy win. But after he was dismissed. panic on a grand scale took over the West Indies batting, their last eight wickets falling in the space of 37 runs.

Winning captain Mark Taylor admitted afterwards: "They won the first 95 percent of the match and we won the last five."

"Unbelievable. We should have won," said a stunned Richie Richardson, who played his last match as captain after announcing his decision to quit after the World Cup following the humiliating defeat by Kenya earlier in the tournament

A West Indies victory seemed on the cards after the first 10 overs as Curtly Ambrose and Ian Bishop destroyed Australia's top order with brilliant fast bowling to reduce them to 15 for four.

Only a highly responsible and courageous fifth wicket partnership of 138 by Stuart Law and Michael Bevan gave Australia anywhere near a respectable total. It certainly did not look enough as Brian Lara scored a run-a-ball 45 and Chanderpaul played sensibly to keep the score moving. But

then Chanderpaul lofted a catch to

make it 165 for three and West

Indies fell apart. Even with the fall of Chanderpaul's wicket, a thoroughly professional performance as he calmly stroked seven boundaries in his 125-ball innings, there still seemed no real danger of West Indies letting it slip.

But eight runs later paceman Glenn McGrath, who had claimed Chanderpaul's wicket, struck again to trap Roger Harper leg • before for two.

There was just the scent of an upset in the air, and Taylor turned to trump card Warne, who earlier in the innings had dismissed pener Courtney Browne with a brilliant catch off his own bowl-



NO WORRIES, MATE - Australian bowler Shane Warne (c) and Ian Healy (l) celebrate after taking the wicket of Ian Bishop of the West Indies yesterday.

The move met with immediate success as all-rounder Ottis Gibson, called in to the side in place of batsman Roland Holder, was caught by wicketkeeper lan Healy for one.

Richardson watched the collapse from the other end and he was several times fortunate to survive as he swung wildly at almost every delivery.

When Warne struck again, trapping Jimmy Adams leg before, the panic was palpable.

Paceman Damien Fleming completed Keith Arthurton's miserable tournament by having him caught by Healy for a duck, his third in five innings and he managed only a single in each of the other two. Warne took his fourth wicket

when he had lan Bishop leg before and the last over bowled by Fleming saw West Indies needing 10 runs.

for a boundary but Ambrose was run out off the next and Fleming finished the amazing contest in style when he bowled Courtney Walsh first ball.

Only in the last half hour of the match had Australia looked to have the remotest chance of win-Choosing to bat after winning

the toss, they were rocked when Ambrose struck with the second ball, trapping Mark Waugh, scorer of three centuries and the second highest number of runs in the tournament, for a duck. Bishop had Taylor dropped by

Lara at slip in his first over but then bowled him off an inside edge when the Australian skipper tried to force the ball on the back Ambrose, gaining lift and

movement, again brought one sharply back to have Ricky Ponting leg before for nought and Australia's batting was in tatters when Bishop bowled Steve in the 10th It was the first time in the tour-

nament the whole of Australia's

top order had failed but to their credit Bevan and Law did not panic.

They both defended solidly until enforced changes brought on less threatening bowling. Slowly they prospered, though with the pitch still favoring the bowlers, boundaries were few and at the halfway stage only 69 runs were on the board.

Law hit five boundaries in scor-

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2 (w1.2nb), Walsh 10-0-33-0, Gibson 2-0-13-0.	<ol> <li>S.Waugh 7-0-30-1, Relifiel 5-0-13-0 (1nb).</li> </ol>
Harper 9-0-47-1 (1w), Adams 9-0-42-0.	Bevan 4-1-12-0, Law 2-0-13-0.

Man of the match: Shane Warne (Australia). Result: Australia won by live runs.

# Tyson-Bruno bout

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Mike Tyson is excited about becoming a champion again and thrilled about being a father again.

He expects to become WBC heavyweight champion tomorrow night when he challenges Frank Bruno in his third fight since beginning a comeback from a four-year layoff in August.

He became a father again when a girl named Rayna was born to him and his girlfriend Monica Turner on Valentine's Day. Tyson also has a 5-year-old daughter named Mickey, who lives with her mother in New York.

"I'm very excited," Tyson said about his new daughter. "Her mother is extremely beautiful. But she (Rayna) is beautiful, so gorgeous she makes her mother look like a yard dog."

Rayna and her mother seem to

have Tyson looking forward to family life.

"There comes a time in your life when you have to forget the past and move forward," said Tyson, who has made as many headlines for what he's done outside the ring as for what he's done in it.
"I am a Muslim, and my

lifestyle has to be conducted in a certain way. I'm by no means perfect. I'm trying to do the right thing and stay positive. It's an ongoing process.

Tyson became a Muslim while serving three years in an Indiana prison on a rape conviction. He was released last March 25.

While Tyson thinks he was born to box, he also believes "if I put the enthusiasm into doing something else that I put into boxing, I

would be successful at that." As for being in a championship fight for the first time since being upset by James "Buster" Douglas February 11, 1990, Tyson said,"I'm very anxious. I'm look-

ing forward to it. I'm trying to keep my bead and stay relaxed." While Tyson's and Bruno's roles are reversed from when they fought February 25, 1989, Tyson and the oddsmakers believe the outcome will be the same.

The 29-year-old Tyson is a 10-1 favorite to beat the 34-year-old champion from Britain at the MGM Grand Garden. Tyson also was 10-1 when he stopped Bruno in the fifth round in defense of the undisputed championship seven years ago. When Bruno's supporters arrive, the odds should shorten.

While Tyson is going into tomorrow's fight with a total of a little more than three full rounds in two fights since his comeback, he noted that he had been off for eight months when he fought Bruno in 1989.

According to the Nevada State Athletic Commission, Tyson made \$3 million and Bruno \$1.2m for their first fight. Tomorrow night, Tyson is getting about \$30m, boosting his purses for his three comeback fights to about \$60m. Bruno is getting \$6m.

# **Aston Villa reaches** FA Cup semifinals

LONDON (Reuter) - Aston Villa kept on course for its second Wembley final appearance of the season when it won 1-0 at Nottingham Forest in the sixth round of the English F.A. Cup on Wednesday.

The deciding goal came after 26 minutes from ex-Forest striker Franz Carr who scored with a 20meter shot which was enough to put Villa through to the semifinals for the first time since 1960.

Villa has not been in the final since they beat Manchester United 2-1 in 1957 for a thenrecord seventh cup victory.

Villa, which meets Leeds in the League Cup final on March 24, 2 will now face Leeds or Liversool in the semifinal at Old Traiford a week later. Liverpool and Leeds replay their sixth round tie next Wednesday.

Liverpool goals disallowed and was held to a move from Aston Villa in 2-2 draw at Anfield in the Premier November.

League by Wimbledon in what could yet prove to be a rehearsal for the Cup final.

Wimbledon, which will meet Manchester United in the semifinals if it beats Chelsea in their sixth round replay, trailed 1-0 at Anfield to a 35th-minute Steve McManaman goal.

But the London side, who famously shocked Liverpool in the 1988 Cup final, hit back twice in six minutes after the break with goals from Efan Ekoku (54th) and Dean Holdsworth (60th).

Stan Collymore's 68th-minute equalizer saved Liverpool from defeat and stretched its unbeaten run to 18 league and cup matches. In the only other Premier League match Blackburn beat Leeds 1-0 at home with a 47thminute goal from halftime substitute Graham Fenton, his first for the club since his £1.45 million

# **Bulls beat Bullets** without Pippen

CHICAGO (Renter) - Michael last seven points to become the first Jordan stepped up in the absence of Scottie Pippen with 37 points, six rebounds, and six assists to lead the Chicago Bulls past the Washington Bullets 103-86 for their 38th straight home victory Wednesday.

Jordan, who shot 12-of-25 from the field, had 33 points through three quarters before playing sparingly in the fourth period. Toni Kukoc, who started in place of the injured Pippen, scored 16 points. Dennis Rodman grabbed 14

rebounds for Chicago, which will be without Pippen for up to two weeks due to right knee tendinitis and a sore back.

Gheorghe Muresan led Washington with 17 points and nine rebounds. Juwan Howard added 17 points.

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team in the Western Conference to

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Gary Payton scored 23 points before being ejected, Schrempf added 20, and Shawn Kemp had 16, 12 rebounds and eight assists for Seattle (48-14), which won for the 22nd time in 25 games and improved its home

Penny Hardaway had 22 points and eight rebounds, Shaquille O'Neal added 20 and 11 and Nick Anderson had added 19 points for Orlando. Knicks 106, Timberwolves 82

Patrick Ewing scored nine of his 21 points in a third-quarter run and Anthony Mason added 18 and 3 career-high 20 rebounds for visiting New York. John Starks scored 20 points for the Knicks, who have not lost to Minnesota since 1991.

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# **Betar continues** chase without Harazi

**DEREK FATTAL** 

THE standard of the National League may be dubious at times, but there is never any doubt as to the level of excitement and passion it continues to generate. With nine rounds left to the end of the season the battle at the top remains as heated as ever with Betar Jerusalem and Maccabi Haifa aiming to shave points off the lead held at the summit by

Maccabi Tel Aviv. The Betaris managed to do just that last weekend with a 3-0 victory over Maccabi Herzliya, while the Tel Avivans could only register a draw against Maccabi Petah Tikva, and Maccabi Haifa were held to a tie by Zafririm Holon. The net effect brings the capital outfit to just three points of the current champions, while Haifa remains five points adrift of the leaders.

Betar's efforts to seize back the title crown they last won three seasons ago took a massive blow this week, when super-striker Ronnen Harazi suffered a fracture on his foot at the end of the morning training session at the club's practice ground on Tuesday. The injury is likely to keep him out of action for at least three weeks during at a critical time in Betar's

This weekend the Jerusalemites take to the field for the central match of the 22nd Round away to Hapoel Tel Aviv at Bloomfield. The return of Eli Ohana should help to lift Betar's dented spirits in a contest which could have an important bearing on the championship race. With new private investors taking over Hapoel, the playing staff and management are determined to give their maximum, even if it aids their municipal rivals. Leader Maccabi Tel Aviv plays away in Herzliya against Maccabi Jaffa. Barring a major upset Dror Kashtan's men should have little trouble in getting the job done.

Maccabi Haifa will need to improve on the 3:3 draw that resulted from its first meeting this season against Hapoel Petah Tikva. The Petah Tikvans are going through a solid spell, without a defeat in the last five games.

Of particular note amongst the other fixtures is the match up between Maccabi Petah Tikva and Bnei Yehuda. Having thwarted Maccabi Tel Aviv and Betar Jerusalem in recent weeks, Maccabi are no pushover for any side, while the return of Alon Mizrahi has raised the mood around the Hatikya Quarter. The human 'propeller' whirled his way to a hat trick last weekend, and looks set to make a comeback to the National squad for the game against Croatia later this month in view of Ronnen Harazi's injury.

Another interesting clash pitches the ever-worsening Hapoel Beersheba against bottom-placed Betar Tel Aviv. After defeat against Hapoel Beit She'an in the last round, the southerners can ill afford another loss against a side from the basement section of the

This weekend's National League fixtures, Round 22, kick off 16.00 tomorrow unless otherwise stated:

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### Leafs acquire Clark, Schneider from Islanders

TORONTO (Reuter) - The Toronto Maple Leafs reacquired winger Wendel Clark, their former captain, as part of a six-player deal with the

New York Islanders Wednesday.

The Leafs, who also acquired defenseman Mathieu Schneider and junior defenseman Denis Smith in the deal, sent Kenny Jonsson, Darby Hendrickson, Sean Haggerty and a 1997 first-round choice to the Isles. Hours later, Toronto, making room on the payroll for Clark, traded left wing Dave Andreychuk to the New Jersey Devils for two draft picks.

# Eternal Glasgow rivals Rangers, Celtic play it again

LONDON (AP) - The biggest match in British soccer this weekend won't be in England.

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Richardson at mid-off after hitting

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A quickfire 31 from Healy

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Historic Glasgow rivals Celtic and Rangers have the honor, facing off Sunday for the fifth time this season in an "Old Firm Derby" likely to settle Scotland's Premier Division championship.

"Of course it would be possible for us or Celtic to win on Sunday and then lose two, maybe three matches," said Rangers defender Richard Gough, who will miss the match with a leg injury. "But, to be honest, I think this match could be the one which decides the title," Rangers, who have won the league title in seven successive

years, have a clear edge over Celtic this season with two wins and two draws - three in league games. The clubs will play once more in April in the semifinals of the Scottish Cup.

Celtic, trailing Rangers by three points in the league and looking for its first title since 1988, has been playing some of Britain's best soccer lately led by Dutch striker Pierre van Hooydonk.

Van Hooydonk leads the league with 24 goals, supported by German Andres Thom and midfielders Paul McStay and John Collins. The presence of the Dutchman has prompted manager Tommy Burns to adopt a Dutch-

Scottish playing hybrid. Rangers, slight favorites in the match on their home pitch, rely on England international Paul Gascoigne and Denmark's Brian Laudrup and sport a solid defense that has given up just 16 goals in 28 games while scoring 63.

The best game in England this weekend is probably tomorrow's Premier League match between Liverpool and Chelsea at Anfield.

Ruud Gullit, is pushing hard for a place next season in Europe. But

it won't be easy. Chelsea is ninth and only four points behind Arsenal and Tottenham, tied for fifth. But Tottenham has played two fewer games than Chelsea and Arsenal

has a one-game advantage. In other games in the Premier League tomorrow, it's Coventry-Bolton, Manchester City-Southampton, Middlesbrough-Nottingham Forest, Queens Park Rangers-Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday-Aston Villa Tottenham-Blackburn

Wimbledon-Arsenal. On Sunday, Everton plays at Leeds in the only Premier League game. Newcastle is home to West Ham on Monday, Newcastle's first game since a 1-0 loss to Manchester United on March 4.

AN emphatic "No" was how Israel Tennis Association Chairman Dedi Harnik reacted to the request by Spain's Tennis Association Chairman to move the tie between the two countries (Ramat Hasharon, April 5-7) to Spanish courts or to a neutral

This extraordinary petition came in the light of the recent terror acts in Israel and was conveyed to Harnik by Brian Tobin, President of the International Tennis Federation who received a fax from the Spaniards. Spain's assurances that, as com-

pensation for moving the tie, the next tie between the two countries would automatically be played on Israeli soil, also held no weight with Harnik who flatly rejected Meanwhile, the final entry list

for the Federation Cup to be played at Ramat Hasharon from March 25-31, does not include Egypt or Algeria, for unknown reasons, but does have Morocco and Tunisia among the 21 competing states. And on the Club Hotel Eilat

satellite scene, Noam Behr and Lior Mor joined Eyal Erlich and Raviv Weidenfeld in the quarterfinals to be played today

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(10:30am) in Jaffa.
Davis Cuppers Erlich and Behr will play each other in a clash, made more significant by the

looming tie against Spain while Weidenfeld will play top seed Ignacio Truyol from Spain. Hila Rosen and Nataly Cahana have reached the women's semifinals after Rosen beat Shiri Burstein and Cahana defeated the second seed Anna Linkova from

Water sports While the world's best are trim-

ming their sails in Haifa for the Windsurfing Championships which begin on Sunday, Nir and Ran Chantal grabbed the gold medal at an international tournament of the Olympic-470 division in Italy.

Their rivals for the Olympic spot, Sa'ar Behr and Eli Zuckerman, managed a sixth spot while Shani Kidmi and Anat Fabrikant ended sixth among the

Stormy waters lie ahead for Kidmi who has received call-up papers for April 16, the date when she is due to compete in Spain to

pass the international Olympic

criterion.

Her predicament has now reached the attention of Micha Goldman, Deputy Minister of Culture, Education and Sport. Sitver jamp

High jumper Itai Margalit won a silver medal at a college indoor championships in Indianapolis this week. Margalit, studying business administration at Kansas University, jumped 2.23 meters but then injured himself in his try at 2.26m and was forced to quit the tournament.

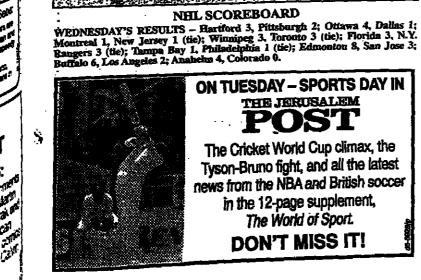
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Bottoms up Deganit Steinhauer and husband baskethall player, Tomer, may be " short on sleep and energy but at least they won't be snick for diapers for the next year. To keep their new winning trio of Einat. Yuval and Eden cooing, a leading diaper company has come up with a year's free supply of diapers.

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# IDF blows up Engineer's house

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A FLASH, an explosion, and the house of Yihye ("The Engineer") Ayyash, the chemical engineering student who introduced Israel to the suicide bus bomber, came crashing down in a puff of smoke yesterday.

Ayyash's parents' nearby home was untouched by the carefully calibrated blast, which used 16 kilograms of explosives about the same amount used in the last bomb attacks carried out in his

A smaller blast of four kilograms completed the job, ensuring that the ruins would not pose a danger to neighbors. A dove in a nearby tree was killed by the first blast and lay bloodied in the

Col. Haim, the area commander who supervised the demolition, said nobody would be able to rebuild on the site without a permit from the civil administra-

The explosion was delayed to ensure that it caused no damage to neighboring homes. This precaution followed an explosion on Monday demolishing the Burka home of the March 3 Jerusalem bus bomber, a blast which damaged more than 20 homes and almost destroyed one.

The families are to receive compensation. However, no thought was given

to using a bulldozer instead. "Blowing up a house has a greater psychological deterrent effect. When you feel the ground tremble under your feet you think

chairman Shlomo

Levine, who was arrested on

Wednesday in connection with a

massive bribe scam, was released on NIS 250,000 bail yesterday by

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge

Shlomo Amar, Egged's chair-man from 1980 to 1984, whom

police said also played a part in

the scam which involved receiv-

ing bribes from the Mercedes

importer in return for buying

buses from the company, was also

released for the same amount of

Both were barred from leaving

Stockman, managing director of Karmobil, which imports

Mercedes, and former senior

Egged official Eli Yaffe were also

released on bail by Kara, after he

slammed police for launching the

investigation four years after they

were told about the scam by Yaffe.

Levine and Amar are suspected,

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**RAINE MARCUS** 

Using a total of 16 kilograms of explosives, the IDF blows up Yihye Ayyash's home in Rafat yesterday. his wife and child before fleeing

about it a long time," a military source said.

Ayyash built his house next to his parents' home in the village of Rafat, close to the Samarian bloc of settlements. He lived in it with

making the bombs used in attacks, beginning with the one in Afula in March 1994. He is also responsifrom Israeli troops.

He was a fugitive for three years, during which he fired on ble for those used in the Hadera military patrols, set roadside bombs, and achieved notoriety by and Tel Aviv explosions later that year, which killed more than 30.

Ayyash was killed in Gaza on January 5 by a remote-controlled bomb concealed in a mobile phone. The death of The Engineer, who was also famous for his skill

(Khaled Zhigari)

at evading the IDF, caused an out-

pouring of anger and grief among Palestinians. It was one of the reasons given for the four bombings between February 25 and March 4. which killed 58.

The deterrent created by demolishing Ayyash's house may be limited, as he long ago passed on his sinister craft to successors, who call themselves "the disciples of Yihye Ayyash."

Rafat village, close to settle-ments and the Green Line, nestles in a landscape of low green hills, a far cry from the Gaza refugee camps, where Hamas ideology first flourished.

Haim said Rafat is "a moderate village with no special leaning to Hamas. Ayyash was an excep-

Today his picture is displayed at many houses in the village. Slogans praising Izzadin Kassam, Hamas's armed wing, are on the walls.

"That started only after he was killed," Haim said. Villagers were placed under cur-few for several hours, but there

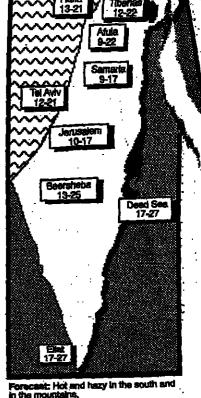
was little protest beforehand. "They expected it," he said. House demolitions, derived from pre-state British emergency

regulations, were reinstated last week as part of the government's anti-terrorism offensive. They had been abandoned when the peace process began. There was no connection

between the decision to destroy the house and US President Bill Clinton's visit yesterday. The demolition crew had simply been awaiting a High Court rolling, Haim said.

### **American** student held on suspicion of murder

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AROUND THE WORLD

Irwin Johnson, 25, an American student at Haifa University suspected of murdering another student, Ganit Tzimman, 22, in his apartment, was remanded yesterday for 10 days by Haifa Magistrate's Court. The suspect did not appear in court until yesterday, as he was in Rambam Hospital recovering from an apparent suicide attempt. His lawyer said his client denies the murder, claiming that Tzinman died in a tragic accident. Itim

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### Egged chairman Fund manager freed on bail in bribery scam arrest

during the 1980s. Egged spokesman Ron Ratner said that the cooperative's management "expressed its full faith in Shlomo Levine. We also trust the police to investigate fully and arrest for eight days. to reach the truth of the matter

quickly. Egged will assist the police as much as necessary. "We have questions as to why this case has surfaced at this specific time, only a week before the cooperative's elections for its chairman. This apparently stems from internal parties acting for reasons not necessarily in good faith. The timing is not coinciden-

Police described Levine's involvement "as massive and very active," and said he was more involved than other suspects ques-

Levine's lawyer, Kenneth Mann, said his chient is innocent and said the police brought him to court "simply for a media specta-

Amar, said police, also allegedly received bribes from the Mercedes dealer.

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together and Amar are suspected, together with other Egged senior officials, of receiving millions of shekels in bribes. Police said the His lawyer described his arrest money was deposited in Swiss bank accounts. The transactions, as unnecessary, since if his client involving hundreds of Mercedes had wanted to flee the country he buses, were allegedly conducted could have done so years ago.

under house

TEL Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday freed Shimon Zisser, 46, managing director of Eurotrade, a portfolio management firm, who is suspected of fraudulent stock trading, bribery and breach of trust, on NIS 300,000 bail. He was also ordered held under house

Zisser, while in his previous position as deputy managing director of Emda, Bank Mizrahi's portfolio management firm, is suspected of opening numerous bank accounts in the names of friends and relatives and using them to play the stock market. However, as an officer of a company which is a member of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, he was for-

bidden to do so. He is also suspected of using insider information to earich himself by coordinating his personal market activity with that of his company.

Securities and Exchange Authority official Reuven Kovnat told the court that a partial investigation has so far revealed some 50 bank accounts which Zisser operated under other names. In more than 20 cases, stocks hold by those accounts were sold, then bought by Emda. This kept the price from dropping, as would have been the case had Emda sold for Sunday over new pension plan A 24-HOUR general strike has changing plans to reduce penbeen called for Sunday in sion benefits for some 600,000 workers and decided go forward

General strike set

response to the government's new pension plan, which the unions' action committee charges will harm the pension benefits of veteran workers.

Among other sanctions if the strike takes place, the Airports Authority announced there will be no takeoffs or landings at the country's airports (except for emergencies) and high school teachers will not report for

Severe disruptions in public transportation are expected as Egged's 4,000 hired workers, approximately half of its work force, will also strike. At a meeting yesterday, the

unions concluded that the Treasury has no intention of with Sunday's strike. However, union and Treasury representatives are to meet again today at the Treasury to

continue negotiations. Union representatives are to meet again on Monday to decide upon further steps.

TAAS-Israel Industries, Israel

Aircraft Industries, Zim, and the Dead Sea Works will be on total strike; the Nuclear Research Center, the Weizmann Institute. Haifa Chemicals, and Israel Oil Refineries will be on partial strike. There will be no fuel deliveries.

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